

# In search of the root

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Tremendous stormy wind is blowing, trees & greens are swinging in a dancing mood, but the tremor is not coming down below waist. It looks very interesting. Silent bush is stirred with *Baisakhi* songs. This is the time of *kal Baishakhi (Monsoon storm)* storm. After the storm, there is a different type of interest of collecting mangos in the (mango) garden, but the measure of that interest difference of age to age.

A hunchbacked old man has reached under the mango tree, not only came but in a harsh voice rebuked the children who were busy collecting mangos. The joy of collecting of scattered mangos is ceased by the loud voice of the old man and the children fled away wherever direction they could ran away. The crowded garden was emptied in a moment. The speed of the storm is completely ceased by this time, after roaring sound and shedding tears the storm was vanished. The mangos which were fallen on the garden all were very tender, those were suitable neither for ripen nor fit to cooking, and at best those could be sliced and dried up for pickle.

The old hunchbacked called his servants in a loud voice to gather all the fallen mangos in the garden. As he ordered, the servants started to gather. I have nothing to say about mango, but the vision is still at my sight. The mangos of the same tree were bearing in different branches; all are grown up on a same trunk. Yet the little mangos are lost premature through fighting each other being tossed by the storm. They could have grown up to maturity to preserve their own species and also could give an opportunity to the human society satisfy them with its sweet juice. Only a stormy wind had created a catastrophe among them and destroyed.

The stormy wind and the go of the day have bewildered us. It was started through fratricidal enmity from the primitive age that is from the Garden of Eden. If we go for searching the root of humanity and the infectivity of sin in them, the subject will be clear to us. It is fratricidal enmity caused by sin. Greed and mean selfish interest has made us blind. Divisions of this age are created undoubtedly by mankind themselves. The Almighty God has created man in his own image and only one person in the beginning. We are the descendants of that first man. We do not need to argue about the contribution of God, if we completely depend on Him, then He has the power to meet our entire demands easily. However, we need a clear perception and a fair mind to understand all these things.

According to the description in the divine revelation, the Garden of Eden was a suitable house of Adam, an excellent creation and he that is the great Creator was too pleased to see it. If you hand over a brand new car to an unskilled person, the next day you would see that it is a mass.

A great conflict was seen in Adam's two natures; his divine nature and his fallen nature into sin, as he who was possessed by the accursed Devil. So, God asked Adam, about his position that implies where have had been fallen? Dear brother, if you and I ask such a question to each other, will it be so absurd? Please mind it. "Human beings have become inhuman", in this comment it is meant that they became equal to inferior animal being. Yet men is called "**the supreme creation**", it means, best of all living being. What remains of greatness is found at last? Is there any symptom of love or compassion found among them at all? All are self-centered.

As, it is impossible to guess the lovely shape of a mango through the sight of sliced and dried mango, so, to-day it is impossible to guess about the first man that was created in the image of God. Only after having seen man God said "The best of all."

We need to go in search of the root of the human race. According to the divine testimony, we are created as the representatives of the merciful sagacious God. But alas we are fallen from that dignified position! The Holy Spirit has come down as human being from the merciful God to rouse our consciousness. Though He was revealed as human form but not born of Adam. He is absolutely sinless, who claimed that whoever has seen Him, he has gotten the opportunity to see the apparent glory of God. His name is Jesus Christ, a unique human being who is absolutely sinless. He is the only person who has been able to build up a bridge of love & brotherhood among and between mankind and the divine Father at the cost of his own holy life.

It is truly speaking that every one is fallen. They have lost the glory of God. Even the right of His representation has been ceased because sins of men. So, Jesus Christ has come down from heaven to save the helpless men, to bring them back to the heaven. He has not come to blame anyone; rather he exposed divine love to us while we were still sinners. No more we should be bewildered in the stormy wind. We have received an opportunity to swim in the ocean of love in Jesus Christ. Through the unlimited grace of God that has been possible for us to be sanctified and clean white. Everything has been possible only by faith through the grace of God, as prophet Abraham became the friend of God through the faith alone.

Dear friend, let me ask you a point, is there any similarity or dissimilarity, in any way, to you with Prophet Abraham? Just wait and think. As, you are a son of Adam so do Prophet Abraham was. He was in the sight of God and you are also in His sight. He responded to the call of God, eventually becomes one among the chosen men. There is also a possibility for you to be chosen by Him only that depends on your faith. To save the lost humanity, all the required arrangements done by God is still effective till today and it will remain so powerful till the last day of the Judgment. In the divine revelation it is exactly described, 1. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land", 2. God also said, "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." 3. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us we are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him. God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. 4. "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the Gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written" The righteous will live by faith" 5. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, and the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf. Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. At last I would like to throw my opinion & comments concerning the question about legal & Illegal to the crowd, that is unconditional forgiveness is "legal," and unable to forgive is "Illegal". Is there anyone who came from Adam and has not committed sin and could remain sinless?

All sinners are regenerated due to forgiveness and grace of God. Man can walk and talk because he has been forgiven. The divine forgiveness is the final religion. Forgiveness ought to be unconditional. The merciful God forgives us. When we sincerely confess our sins to him and ask his blessings, He is very kind and instantly forgives us. He does not make any complain. He is righteous, just, and the ocean of love that has been revealed plainly to us through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is Holy, the highest excellence of grace & sacrifice; who has had atoned the sins of mankind at the cost of his own life.

Because, nothing is left in our hands to give ransom for our sins, so the Lord Jesus Christ did sacrifice His unblemished life on the cross to make us sanctify by grace. It has been possible for us to survive by the grace of God alone. The righteous does live by faith. It is not possible to satisfy God, at all, without faith. When the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ abides in us, just then we can forgive others and do understand that God has forgiven our limitless of sin & quilt. We all have been spared by His unconditional forgiveness, so, it would be our moral responsibility to forgive our debtors unconditionally. But the moral courage, mental strength and Spiritual inspiration, to forgive someone comes just when the Holy Spirit abides in your heart. You have to be controlled and consumed by the Holy Spirit that means, through the Spirit of God. Anyone may live a holy life even living in an evil world, when he is totally controlled by the Holy Spirit, as the presence of light is possible in complete darkness when electricity is at work. Can you see electric current? What do you see is its influence or its reflection? It is also not possible to see the Holy Spirit with your carnal eyes, whatever is seen is the change in personal attitude and life which is done due to the control of the Holy Spirit.

It is already stated that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself is the Holy Spirit who came in human form. For this reason he is called the Spirit of God. As a faithful person, do you have any plea and moral courage to neglect and abhor Jesus Christ? To avoid Jesus Christ means to take suicidal step. The extreme love, forgiveness, graces and truth of God for men has been candidly revealed through the sinless humble lamb, Lord Jesus Christ. Except Jesus Christ there is no example of a sinless man among mankind, and is not to be found. Due to the disobedience of the first Adam the people of the world were fallen, just in the same way, through the obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ, that is through the sacrifice of His holy lifeblood the world is saved, made free from sin and were reconciled with God. 7. “Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin & death.

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1. (2 Chronicles 7:14) 2. (Isaiah 1:18) 3. (Corinthians 1:18-25), 4. (Romans 1:16-17) 5. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) 6. (Proverbs 3:5) 7. (Romans 8:1-2)