

## Evangelizing the misled world ----Rev. John Mark (Wahab).

Evangelizing the misled world is the clarion call of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is the promised Savior, the Light of the world. He is the Lamb of God who must ransom the sin of the world. He is the incarnation of love, compassion, truth and justice of the unseen God. He came to this fallen world at His own appointed time, lived and dined with men. He taught them the Truth of God who is full of holiness and compassion. He tried His best to open the spiritual eyes of the religious leaders, but they did not want to follow Him. He did fulfill the responsibility of bringing the lost people back to the Father. He redeemed the sinners of the world at the cost of His own sinless life. He died on the cross at the mount of the skull outside Jerusalem, was buried and rose from the dead on the third day. Before His ascension to heaven He commanded His disciples to herald the good news of salvation, which He prepared at the cost of His holy blood, to whole nations. But to fulfill that mission the disciples would have to wait for the anointment of the promised Holy Spirit sent in His name. The disciples received the said Holy Spirit and spoke the Good News of Salvation (Gospel) in such a way that the then world was perplexed. The recipient became astonished hearing them, the group of unschooled people. But the disciples immediately and candidly declared that all things had been possible for the intervention of the promised Holy Spirit. The inspired, zealous, committed and sanctified disciples had poured out their entire devotion with all belongings to build up the Church for the glory of the Lord. They left no stone unturned to saturate the then world fogged under the power of the Devil with the message of enlightenment. It was their moral and social obligation to learn and preach the Word of God. We can cite one fact as an example of the immediate result of their preaching that in a single campaign three thousand sinners had committed their lives to the living Lord as their personal Savior and Lord. They used to assemble daily in group-study and spend their time in sincere fellowship. Instead of severe persecutions, tortures and killings they did continue the set works entrusted upon them by their own beloved Lord. They encountered all sorts of risk to herald the life saving message to the lost souls. Because of the prioritization on evangelization they could face any consequences and pay any cost to fulfill the call of the Master—the Supreme Being. It is not so certain, how long and how consistently the believers in Christ Jesus had been practicing and preaching the Gospel in the society. The light shared to them might have been dimmed because of the impact and attraction of the lustful world. The spiritual position of the believers, in general, perhaps was choked by the evils of the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and boasting of possession do not come from the Holy One but from the Devil. Just to prepare a piece of land, for farming, it needs to be ploughed several times. Without uprooting the obnoxious bush, plantation of choice seeds would be of no use. If by chance they germinate yet they would not grow up because the shrubs and weeds will choke up the seedlings. In such a state the problem, no fertilizers and water will do any good to the seedlings, but will strengthen the shrubs and weeds instead. Are you sure how, when and where thick darkness covers" And how the darkness could be dispelled" And what is the easiest way to illuminate any room full of darkness" The answer is very easy! Just lit up a lamp and see the exclaiming result. In this connection, a story came to

my mind; I like to narrate it for you. Certain rich man had two sons. He started thinking of his successor, who should be wiser of his two sons. Just to take a test of talent the rich man gave them equal amount of money, one coin each, to buy something, as per their choice, to fill the hall. Accordingly, both of them went to market for purchasing things that would be enough to fill the hall. The elder searched seriously for the cheapest and yet larger amount to cover to room. Finally he found a heap of hay and happily bought it and returned home. In front of his father he started scattering the hay he bought, but that was not enough to cover the room, so he sighed. In the mean time the younger returned, apparently with nothing. The father asked him to show what he purchased to cover the room. With a smile and humbleness, out of his pocket, he brought a candle that he bought. He, then, lit it up, immediately the room was filled with beam of light. Then the father could understand who was the real talented boy and would become the successor to him. I am not sure about the exact date of reappearing of the darkness in the room, which was once illuminated by the Lord. The torch passed on by Him to His chosen ones might have gone asleep. In the mean time the cursed devil had planted tares in the field of wheat. Is it wise to pay attention on hay neglecting the candle" Hay is for fodder and the end product of it is cow-dung. But candle is made for holding light, though it itself is not light. Though all men are created in the image of God, but few of them know and believe that. A living soul is to be a real abode of God. This sounds somewhat incredible but thus God inspired in the Scriptures. God has been calling all the broken hearted to come to Him and to take a fresh bath with the Holy Spirit. He asks us to arise, shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon us. He warns us about the darkness that covers the earth. He also tells that thick darkness is in the hearts of the people. But the Lord rises upon us and His glory appears over us. Of course, we must be in Him to be strong, humble, wise, submissive and committed because Jesus, the Lord of Lords and king of kings, humbled Himself unto death & even death on the heart rending Cross. May I please draw attention of all the missionaries, Church-based-Organizations and even all other Organizations being financed by the donations, to those people who give the donations" They are those people, who are waiting eagerly to see light shining instead of the darkness, to reschedule plan of action, to serve the choice plants, letting aside the obnoxious shrubs. We want to develop the country, but not the rogues. We pray and struggle hard to see the disciples of the Holy One working everywhere for His glory. It is not wise to nurse up a band of ignorant folk who would flatly deny the grace of God upon them. We must reason our plan of action in the light of the Holy Scriptures. I deem, if possible, the key persons of all Organizations should be manned by the people sincerely committed to God the Father and Creator of the Universe. Finally, to be transformed into His likeness and to go onward beaming His light upon the world, we must abide in Him constantly. We were called to be the light of the world and we would shine by the power of the Holy Spirit before them. Every one has a living hope in Christ Jesus, that is, if anyone abides in Him, he becomes a new creation, his old things have passed away, the newness has came by the works of God (2cor5: 17). May the God of love and compassion be with you always until His Second Advent!