

Healed by His Stripes



**True Story
Miracle Testimony**

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Foreword

I am greatly delighted to introduce this book HEALED BY HIS STRIPES in which Sis. Renuga Suresh tells us how our Lord has saved her husband Suresh Johnson from the valley of death. This book is written for the glory of our Lord and to encourage sick people to hold on to God's promises and receive divine healing.

Sis. Renuga Suresh also narrates how our Lord upheld her and her husband in those days of agony while he was suffering from a deadly blood disease. The miraculous healing received by Bro. Suresh Johnson increases our faith in Jesus. The intervention of our Lord in the life of Bro. Suresh Johnson is not only a blessing for him but also a great blessing to others.

Our Lord, who delivered Bro. Suresh from his sickness shall certainly deliver you from all your problems. Yes, we are healed by His stripes. Jesus heals us both physically and spiritually. There is nothing impossible for our Lord (Luke 18:27). Reading this book with prayers shall certainly increase your faith in Jesus that you shall be able to lean upon Christ at all times.

Even today, our Lord leads His children through many experiences. He grants us patience to endure sufferings and through our patience we become a great blessing to others. He also grants us His grace to accept His plans in our lives and keeps us as a channel of blessing to everyone.

May our Lord bless them, their family and their ministry; and may our dear Lord use them mightily for His glory.

In His vineyard

J SAM JEBADURAI

Preface

Beloved in Christ,

Sweet greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

My husband, Suresh Johnson and I, Renuga Suresh have been working as Assistant General Managers in a premier Bank in India. Lord Jesus Christ has healed my husband from a fatal disease. By the power of Jesus, who has risen from the dead, my husband is alive, keeping perfect health.

Truly, Jesus Christ lives today; we bear witness that the days of miracles are not yet over and He is still performing signs and wonders.

I feel very happy to share with you how the Lord Jesus gave life to my husband and how wonderfully He guided us through the valley of darkness of death.

God enabled us to print the first publication of this book in Tamil in Feb 1992. Many who read the book shared with us that they are touched by Jesus and are healed by His Stripes. Let the name of Jesus be glorified. God blessed and multiplied it and we are into the seventh edition of the book. Whenever we had approached dear Brother Sam Jebadurai to publish upto the sixth edition, he willingly agreed to publish the same and encouraged us. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to him.

My husband was touched and led into the salvation experience through the book titled "How to lead a holy life" written by Bro. Sam Jebadurai. My husband was baptized in 1990 at the Tiruppattur Fasting Prayer Meeting. When the Lord miraculously healed my husband in February 1991, we proceeded from Vellore CMC Hospital directly to Tiruppattur Fasting Prayer Meeting and met dear Bro. Sam Jebadurai. He prayed for us, we offered thanksgiving to our Lord and went to Madurai with the blessing of the Lord, to join our children and family. Thus we are very happy to publish the Tamil book through Bro. Sam Jebadurai, who has played an important role in our spiritual growth. God has blessed the book and many are strengthened in their faith and receive healing and other blessings.

In order to reach the world at large, God has led us to bring out the English edition of the book titled "Healed by His Stripes" through Bro. J Sam Jebadurai. Now, we are very happy to bring forth the second edition of this book.

I place this book in dedication at the Feet of Jesus Christ who changed death into victory and who still gives us victory.
Hallelujah!

Yours sincerely in Christ
Renuga Suresh

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord

My husband and I have been working as officers in State Bank of India. My husband is retired now. We are blessed with a son and a daughter, daughter in law and son in law, and wonderful grand children.

Until February 1990, we led a very nominal Christian life. We were living as 'Sunday Christians'. We used to go to Church on Sundays. On weekdays we did not have time to even think of the Lord. Every morning and evening we offered two minutes' prayers only - like 2 minutes noodles! Bible reading? Oh no! Where was the time for it? Our time was not sufficient for worldly affairs, for reading story books and for watching T.V.

While leading a life like this, I started feeling a vacuum within me. We earned a lot of money but we always had shortages. An emptiness surrounded me. I did not have peace of mind.

On 18th February, I heard that my niece had received anointing of the Holy Spirit.. Then only I realised that though I had accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour in my youth, I had back-slided and wasted 35 years of my life. At that time we were living in Madurai, one of the big towns in Tamil Nadu and a series of Gospel meetings were being conducted at Tumkum public grounds. We attended the meeting on the last day. I prayed with all my heart "Lord Jesus, Please forgive my sins, please anoint me with the Holy Spirit. I will not give up until you anoint me, I will keep kneeling in this ground." With all my might I prayed and cried my heart out. I committed myself to Lord Jesus.

Hallelujah! Immediately I was anointed by the Holy Spirit. I became a child of God. I returned home as a new creation!

I told my husband that I had received the Holy Spirit. He laughed at me. But he started seeing changes in my life style. Story books, TV et all fled. Worries, lamentations and laziness disappeared. I thirsted for the Word of God and spiritual books. My longing for prayer increased.

From our income, we started giving tithe (One-tenth) for the Lord. We started buying spiritual books. I started praying for my husband's salvation. He also started reading the spiritual books. He realised that our body is the temple of the Lord and gave up his 20 year old smoking habit for the Lord's sake. He committed himself to Christ, and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

Our Lord Jesus started blessing our family. He satisfied all our needs. He blessed our income. He changed our disobedient children.

As a family we served Lord Jesus Christ. We devoted all our free time to Bible reading, meditation, prayer and reading spiritual books. My husband shared his

testimony in one or two gospel meetings. He shared his testimony at Fr.Berchman's Prayer Garden on 7.11.90.

Thus we received more and more spiritual blessings day by day.

I will not leave you

In 1991, during the New Year service, my husband was given a promise card with the verse

"I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you" (Gen. 28:15)
We were perplexed. We were receiving spiritual and material blessings day by day. But the Lord says I will not leave you. In Tamil, it is translated as 'I will not forsake you.' Though we did not comprehend the full meaning of the promise, my husband whole heartedly accepted this promise, because God always gives only good tidings to his children.

Disease unto death

God started to unfold His wisdom within one week of the New Year. On 5.1.91, Saturday, when my husband returned from the Bank, he told me that there were bruises on his tongue and it was slightly bleeding. We decided to take care of it in the morning. He prayed and went to bed. But the Lord urged me to pray longer. I knelt down by my husband's bedside, wept, wept and prayed. I did not know why I wept uncontrollably.

"The Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Rom 8:26)

I prayed to God that He would grant me a good promise and I was turning the pages of the Bible. Then I received the promise.

"For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds." (Jer. 30: 17)

Afterwards I went to bed. When my husband woke up on 6.1.91, the first Sunday of the year, we had the shock of our lives. His mouth was full of blood. Blood was oozing out like saliva. There were blood boils in his tongue and inside his cheeks. They looked like red grapes or cherries.

After he washed his mouth, we attended church and went to the doctor. By that time there were red spots under the skin like chicken pox. The doctor examined

my husband and told him that he was bleeding through the capillary vessels in his body. He asked us to get his blood tested and come in the evening. He gave some drugs to arrest bleeding. Since there was bleeding in the mouth, the doctor cautioned us to be careful in taking food.

Whole Armour of God

We were puzzled and perplexed. My husband went to buy medicines. I stood alone in the house and started crying to the Lord. "Lord Jesus, what will I do? Some mysterious, unknown and unheard of disease has struck my husband. Bleeding in the blood vessels? What will I do? I do not know where else the bleeding would be and what complications it would cause.." I cried out and wailed.

Then immediately like a flash, the Lord spoke to me -- "WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD"

In Eph. 6: 13-17, St. Paul has written about the whole armour of God that we should wear to resist and fight the devil. So I started praying for my husband claiming each armour for him.

"Lord Jesus, my husband is wearing the helmet of salvation. Please take care of his head and brain so that not even one cell bleeds and causes haemorrhage. He is wearing the breastplate of righteousness, Your righteousness. You have made us righteous with your precious blood. Please protect his heart and lungs. My husband is wearing the girdle of truth. All the organs in the waist, hip and stomach like intestines, liver and kidneys, I commit to you. Please take care that no damage is done to any organ. He is wearing the sandal of preparation of the gospel of peace. Wherever you call us, we are ready to go. I am committing him, head to feet, to you. Lord, please take care of him ..." I pleaded in prayer.

That night itself my husband's condition worsened. His kidneys also started to bleed and his urine was full of blood. He was hospitalised in Madurai. He was given steroid therapy. He was administered a steroid called Decadron.

The doctors in Madurai diagnosed the disease as I.T.P. (Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura). They had not treated a patient with this disease until then, as the occurrence of this disease was one in a million persons. If there is capillary bleeding in any vital organ like brain, death is instantaneous. The chances of survival are very bleak. Even if the patient survives, blood would clot in the joints and the patient would be a permanent cripple for his entire lifetime.

Besides R.B.C. (Red Blood Cells) W.B.C. (White Blood Cells) there are cells

called 'platelet cells' in the blood stream. For a normal human being, the platelet level ranges between 1,00,000 to 3,00,000 counts. The function of the platelet is to help in the clotting mechanism of the blood. When the platelet level drops suddenly, as it has happened in the case of my husband, blood starts oozing through the capillary vessels. The cause of the disease is still a mystery to the medical world. That is why the name of the disease starts with the word 'Idiopathic'.

While at Madurai, my husband's platelet level dropped to 40,000. He was passing blood in the urine. There were bleeding spots all over his body under the skin. We were praying without ceasing.

Jehovah - Shammah

On 7.1.91 our 10 year old daughter, who was only 4 and a half year old, had playfully visited a room where an old lady was suffering from asthma and was struggling to breathe. She hardly had any sleep for 4 days. My daughter Angel told her "Grandma, Jesus will heal you. Shall I pray for you?" The old lady thought that she was joking and playing. So she said, 'Yes, please pray.' My daughter kept her hand on the lady's forehead and prayed.

The Lord who said "Let little children come to me, and do not forbid them" heard the child's prayer and replied immediately.

The old lady who had not slept for 4 days was greatly relieved of the wheezing and went to sleep immediately. Her daughter and a nurse who witnessed the entire episode told me of this incident. Through this incident, Lord Jesus made me feel His presence in the hospital. That day, my husband realised the full meaning of the part of the promise he had received on the New Year's Day -- "I will not leave you" My husband said, "Our Lord has already given the assurance that He will not forsake me. Let us pray without any fear or worry"

My husband recollected another incident. On December 16,1990, by God's grace, my husband escaped from a major and prospective fatal car accident .He was driving our car. While taking a bend in the road, a Matador van coming in the opposite direction skidded out of its lane and headed directly towards our car.

The brake failed in our car. The van and our car were all set for a head on collision. If the van had hit us, the result would have been disastrous. When the van was about to hit the car, miraculously the van and the car separated from each other in a fraction of a second . The van dashed against one side of the rear bumper of our car and stopped. It was only God's hand and his mighty deed that made the van and car separate at the last minute.

My husband was exultant and happy. "If I were to die" he declared, "I would have died in that accident. But the Lord Jesus saved my life. Therefore I will surely not

die by this disease. Definitely the Lord shall save me and rescue me from this disease also. Knowing that I would get such a disease and that we would be upset, He has given me a beautiful promise on the 1st of January itself. Therefore nobody needs to be upset or worry. Pray well without ceasing." See the confession of faith of a person who was in the clutches of death.

That day Bro. S. Sankar and Mrs.Sankar, evangelists, came to the hospital and prayed for my husband.

THE LORD WHO GIVES HIS BLOOD EVEN TODAY

Tuesday,8.1.91 dawned. There was no improvement in my husband's condition. Bleeding in the mouth subsided. But bleeding in the urine went unabated. There were bleeding spots in his eyes also. He became exceedingly tired due to loss of blood. His eye lids started drooping even while he was talking.

The doctors told me, "Please search for blood donors immediately. We have to take out the entire blood from your husband's body and infuse fresh blood. Your husband's blood group is also rare -- A1B (positive). Therefore, search for the donors quickly and earnestly."

That's all. I felt the earth slipping under my feet. I knew that for blood cancer patients only such replacement of blood is administered. But here was the doctor, telling me that such a treatment was to be given to my husband. I was confused. Was he suffering from blood cancer? I asked myself. I felt as though I was losing my sanity. I started crying to Lord Jesus, our eternal blood donor, who shed his blood for us.

"Lord Jesus, 2000 years ago you came into this world and shed your precious blood for us. You are living even today. You are a risen Lord. You should give my husband your blood, not only spiritually but physically also. You are our eternal blood donor. Let your blood flow through my husband's body. One drop of your precious blood is sufficient to keep my husband alive. I am depending on you only for the blood. Hence, I will not seek any other blood donor."

I cried, I wept and I wailed as I came into our room. I felt darkness surround me. I was struggling in darkness. Evil forces were dancing all around me. I heard someone speaking to me -- "What if your husband dies? He is saved. He is a child of God. If he dies, he will go straight to Heaven. What you earn is sufficient for you and your children."

I was all the more confused. I asked, "Lord what is this? Is it you who is speaking like this?" Immediately the Lord replied, "With long life I will satisfy him. And show

him my salvation" (Psalm 91:16). Then I realised that the person who spoke first was none other than Satan himself.

At that time, my husband's aunt Mrs. Johnson visited us. She is the Branch Leader of CSI Chain of Prayer - Madurai Ramnad Dist. Her ministry is very powerful in Thirumangalam, near Madurai.

She started to pray. She rebuked the power of the devil in her prayer. She prayed casting out the devil in the wonderful name of Jesus. With authority, she commanded Satan to leave us, in the mighty name of Jesus. I also joined her in prayer.

At that moment the darkness that tormented me lifted. I felt light shining all over me, around me and within me. My faith in the Lord was strengthened immensely.

Water -- Blood -- Water

Our children started pestering me.

"Mummy, when will Daddy become all right? "

"When will he be discharged? "

"Mummy, if he goes on bleeding like this what will happen? "

"Mummy, if Daddy does not get healed what will happen?"

Likewise, our children kept on asking me questions. They were perplexed, confused and upset. When the little children asked me questions like this, what answers could I offer? "I lifted up my eyes to the hills from where comes my help" (Ps.121: 1). I replied "Our Lord is good and mighty. He is Almighty God. Nothing is impossible for Him.. In the time of Moses, he performed the miracle of turning water into blood. He is the same unchanging God, yesterday, today and forever more. Our Lord is capable of performing the same miracle in the reverse direction. He who turned water into blood is able to turn the urine which is full of blood into water. Let all of us pray that the Lord would perform such a reverse miracle. Come, join me and pray for Daddy."

What I Have Spoken to you

The portion, "Until I have done what I have spoken to you" of the promise received by my husband during the New Year Service was still a puzzle to us. Bro. and Mrs.Arumainayagam, evangelists, visited us.

While praying, Mrs.Arumainayagam started prophesying. The Lord's glorious presence filled the hospital room. Lord Jesus started speaking through her.

"I am going to use you in My ministry."

"Like Jeremiah, I have chosen you even before you were created in your mother's womb. I have separated you."

"Like Samuel, I shall make you a great prophet. Like it was known that from Dan to Beersheba that Samuel is the prophet of God. I shall bless you. I shall make your name famous."

"I have permitted Satan to test you like Job, to strengthen your faith. I shall doubly bless you."

"Like Elisha who got twice the gifts of the Spirit of Elijah, I shall bless you with double portion."

"I shall take you and use you mightily the world over. I shall take you all over the world."

"I shall fill you with the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

"You shall win every soul you meet."

"I shall heal every sick person on whom you lay your hands."

"You shall own the place on which you will walk."

"Awake, Awake! Arise and shine. Put on your strength, O Zion."

Like this, Lord Jesus was making promises, one after the other. At that moment, my husband was thinking "What is this? The Lord is saying that He is going to use me in His ministry. But I am yet to receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit."

At that very moment, Lord Jesus was answering my husband's question and anxiety through Mrs. Arumainayagam. He said, "Son, you are doubting me. Are you asking for a sign? You will see me face to face. This is the sign I am giving you"

All of us were sitting in God's presence with reverence and awe. After the prayer was over, we totally committed ourselves to His service.

Now, the portion of the promise "What I have spoken to you" was revealed to us.

CMC Hospital, Vellore or Apollo Hospital Madras?

It was 9.1.91. There was no improvement in my husband's condition. We realised that the treatment at Madurai was not sufficient and that he had to be taken to a better, bigger hospital in some other city. In Madras, the hospital considered best equipped was the Apollo hospital. My brother told me that if we had decided to take my husband to Apollo hospital, arrangements would have to be made immediately.

I prayed silently -- "Lord, should we go to Apollo Hospital or Christian Medical Hospital, Vellore? What is your will? Please guide us and show us the way. Unless I get your direction I will not move my husband from here. Please show us where we will get the best treatment for my husband."

I then told my brother that I had asked Lord Jesus whether to go to CMC, Vellore or Apollo, Madras. He would surely lead us to the right hospital. We would take him there. As we were conversing, our SBI Officers Association Deputy Regional Secretary, Mr. Thomas came and told me to meet our Regional Secretary, Mr. N.M. Chellam immediately. Mr. N.M. Chellam said, "Madam, we have made enquiries with local doctors regarding your husband's illness. Your husband has been affected by a dreadful disease. Those who have specialised in Haematology alone can treat him. There is no doctor in Madurai who has specialised in Haematology. There is no Haematology Department in Apollo Hospital too. You must immediately take your husband to CMC, Vellore. There is a good Haematology Department where you will receive appropriate treatment."

The Lord has said in Is.65:24, "Before they call I will answer; and while they are still speaking I will hear." He heard me while I was speaking to my brother and gave me a clear reply through our colleagues as to which hospital I should take my husband.

We were absolutely sure that it is the will of God that we should go to CMC Hospital, Vellore and get treated.

The Lord who does everything for me

The Lord said CMC Hospital, Vellore. But all travel arrangements were to be made within 2 days!

I was singing a song -- "The Lord will do and complete everything for me, I shall

not fear"-- a Tamil song, and went and met our Deputy General Manager Mr. A.P.Jeyaraj. I found favour in his sight. He immediately rang up Vellore Town Branch of State Bank of India, informed the Branch Manager of my husband's disease and requested him to make all possible arrangements.

The Lord who does all things for me, got favour for me in my superior's eyes and made our journey possible

Road in the Wilderness

We planned to take Vaigai Express, a Super fast train, from Madurai to Villupuram and an ambulance from Villupuram to Vellore. Doctors advised us to take my husband in A/C chair car. It was 10.1.91. We planned to go to Vellore on 11.1.91. The trains in India are crowded, and seats are booked days in advance.

How could we get tickets and reservations within one day!

Mr. Muniappan, my colleague, and I went to the Railway Divisional office to get the tickets released through the Emergency Quota. Since my husband's condition was very serious, I decided to take my children, mother-in-law and my mother to Vellore.

While we were going to the Railway Office, I was praying , "Lord Jesus, you have made arrangements for us in Vellore itself. Now to undertake the journey in the wilderness, please make a road in the wilderness and get us tickets. Let your presence go before us. You are the Lord God who has promised to make a road for us in the wilderness".(Is.43:19)

The persons who went with me doubted whether we could get tickets for all the persons. In all, we had to get 4 adult tickets and 2 children's tickets. They felt that at best we would get tickets for my husband and me, and the others, whom I needed so much for support and courage, would not be able to accompany us.

I kept telling them - "Lord Jesus is going before us. We will surely get tickets for all. All of us will go to Vellore in the Vaigai Express. Christ the King will get the tickets for us. Jesus has directed us to go to Vellore. He has arranged for the ambulance in Villupuram. Will He not arrange for the train tickets from Madurai to Villupuram? Surely, Jesus will never fail."

We reached the Railway Divisional Office while discussing like this. I kept on praying -- "Lord, please let me find favour in the eyes of the Superintendent. You were with Joseph and he found favour in the eyes of the Jailor" (Gen.39)

We met the Commercial Superintendent. I explained to him my husband's condition. Immediately, without hesitation he released tickets on the emergency quota for my husband and me in the A/C Car. The Railway clerk, who had

discussed our problem, told him of the others who were to accompany us. The Superintendent asked him whether seats were available under E.Q. in the lower class compartment. The clerk replied in the affirmative. That's all. Without a word the Commercial Superintendent released tickets for the others also. I praised and thanked the Lord. My companions were simply astonished. They could not believe their eyes. The Lord's magnificent name was glorified. Hallelujah!

Our travel arrangements were complete. We were to start on 11.1.91 Friday by Vaigai Express from Madurai at 6.45 a.m. and travel upto Villupuram . From Villupuram we were to travel by ambulance.

Everything will be all right

Before we left for Vellore, on 10.1.91, a believer from my office, Mr. Joseph Devasigamani, told me -- "Madam, do not worry about anything. On February 5th, your husband will become perfectly all right. The Lord has revealed to me that everything will be all right on 5th February."

I thought, "what is he saying! February 5th? Today is only the 10th of January. How can my husband struggle with this dreadful disease for another 25 days?"
But I kept it in my heart.

Like Gideon

On 10.1.91 evening, I went to my office and applied for leave, after handing over charge. Before I left, I stood at my desk and prayed, "Lord Jesus, it is written that they looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. (Ps.34: 5). I will not come back to this place with shame, having lost my husband. Lord, You are in charge. You shall return me to this place with radiance and happiness. My feet shall touch this place only with happiness. Otherwise, do not bring me back to this place Lord. Please help me."

I came back to the hospital. My husband, my mother-in-law, my mother, my children and I made preparations for the journey to Vellore.

There was slight improvement in my husband's condition.

I prayed, "Lord, Gideon asked for a sign. Please, give me also a sign. Before we start our journey tomorrow, at least once, let my husband's urine be normal in colour." The Lord answered my prayer. On 11.1.91 early morning, his urine was almost normal in colour.

I Will Lead Them

My mother and I were packing throughout the night of 10.1.91. I felt as though the entire family was breaking up and disintegrating. I did not know whether we would return to our house with my husband alive. I was feeling desperate.

We all got ready in the early hours of 11.1.91. I prayed, "Lord, according to your direction, I have made all arrangements and now we are starting towards Vellore. Let your presence go before us. What do you have to say to me?" Asking this, I opened the Bible. Jeremiah 31: 9 came alive before my eyes "They shall come with weeping and with supplications, I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For I am a Father of Israel, and Ephraim is my first born." (Jer.31:9)

That was all I needed. All my anxieties rolled away. Divine peace and joy filled my heart. "Lord, you have assured me that my husband is your son. You have promised to lead us. I have no worries now." I declared. With peace we commenced our journey.

We engaged a taxi and took my husband to the Railway Station. He could not walk and doctors had also advised him not to walk. We took him in a wheelchair from the car to the railway platform to board the train.

A great group of our relatives in Madurai had thronged the station to see us off. The sight of my husband in the wheelchair stirred and moved everyone's heart. He looked very pathetic. It was a heart rending scene. Everybody who had assembled there cried and wept and the only dry eyed persons were my husband, Aunty Mrs. Johnson and I.

Struggling in Prayer -- Jacob

The Lord gave me mountain moving faith.

During the harrowing days I was able to keep my composure. Only once did I cry in front of others, on 8th January, when the doctors told me that my husband's entire blood had to be changed.

On 6.1.91 I cried in the presence of the Lord, when my husband was first affected by the disease. Then only the Lord spoke about the "Whole armour of God." At all other times, the Lord protected and guarded me against crying or worrying in front of others. He who begins and ends our faith had given me abundant and mountain moving faith. He strengthened me and comforted me and I cried only in His presence. I would lock the bathroom door and cry out to Him "Lord, strengthen me, give me wisdom to take care of my husband. I put my

entire trust in you only. Please Lord, do not forsake me or leave me. I will not let you go until you give my husband perfect health" I used to struggle like Jacob.

Jacob struggled with God and prevailed. He said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." says Gen. 32:26 . But Hosea 12: 3-4 throws light on how he struggled.

"And in his strength he struggled with God. Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept and sought favour from Him."

Yes, Jacob wept and sought favour. "Lord, I will not let you go unless you bless me," he wept and cried with all his strength and sought favour. Dear friends, I too struggled like Jacob. I wept, wept and sought favour from the Lord. I wept, "Lord, I will not let you go unless you heal my husband perfectly."

I wept and struggled, but all my weeping and crying were between Lord Jesus and me.

When I used to weep, He would immediately comfort me and strengthen me. I drew my strength from our eternal refuge. My colleagues and our relatives were just puzzled at my composure. What? instead of worrying, this lady is having unshakable faith in Lord Jesus and saying that Lord would definitely not forsake her and would heal her husband. Poor thing, maybe she is in a fit of hysteria.

They used to pity me. To that extent our dear Lord gave me courage and strength.

The Blood that was shed in Getsamane

I comforted everybody in the railway station whose eyes were flooded with tears. "Why are you crying? We are taking him in a wheelchair but he will surely return walking. The presence of God has gone before us to Vellore. He has prepared us a way. He is leading us."

We boarded the train. I had 100% faith that somehow Lord Jesus would heal my husband. But deep within my heart in a corner, I questioned - "Lord, what a dreadful and strange disease has afflicted my husband." Before I could complete my sentence, Lord Jesus replied very clearly -- "I have borne even that disease on me. Why are you worried?"

Suddenly, an incident flashed back in my memory. In April 1990 I had gone to Madras to attend a training course in computers. At that time "Idimuzhakkam" meetings were held in Madras. I had the opportunity to attend a meeting at which Dr. Justin Prabhakaran, an evangelist, was speaking on the topic "Crucified Christ."

Dr. Justin preached about Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, and how His "sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground"(Luke

2:44). He said that a lot of medical research was undertaken to confirm whether this incident could be true. And it was found out that when a person is in great agony or trauma, capillary vessels could break and blood, mingled with sweat, ooze out through the skin.

For my husband too, blood was oozing out of the capillary vessels under the skin. Therefore, Lord Jesus had borne this particular seemingly unknown sickness in His body 2000 years ago. It was no longer a strange or unknown disease to me.

"He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." (Mat.8:17)

"And by His Stripes, we are healed." (Is.53:5)

According to these verses, Lord Jesus has borne my husband's sickness in His body. Let us believe that we are HEALED BY HIS STRIPES. Then we will be healed. This kind of thinking started bubbling in my heart.

Mighty God who led us

We travelled upto Villupuram by train. The ambulance that was arranged by our Bank Officers at Villupuram was waiting for us. We left for Vellore and reached at 7 p.m. We met Mr. Deivaraman, Branch Manager, Vellore Town Branch and went to the Casualty Department of CMC Hospital. The doctors confirmed the diagnosis of ITP and admitted my husband as an inpatient.

We Can Cure

The Chief of Haematology Department Dr. Mammen Chandy examined my husband on 12.1.91. He told me that the disease was curable. Since the platelet count was very low, he would discharge us as soon as it increased. The platelet level that was 40,000 in Madurai, had come down to 12,000 when we reached Vellore. The doctors did not reveal this to us but kept my husband under close observation.

On 13.1.91, his bone marrow was tested. Thank and Praise the Lord, the bone marrow was normal and it was confirmed that it was not blood cancer. There also they put my husband on steroid therapy. A steroid called prednisolone was given in a heavy dosage of 60 mg.

The bleeding stopped after 2 days. Doctors informed us that he would be discharged as soon as platelets reached normal level. My husband looked apparently all right. So my mother-in-law, mother and the children went back to

Madurai. My maternal aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel, who live in Vellore, took care of us with great love and affection.

The Helmet of Salvation

When my husband was in the casualty ward, he bumped his head against the door frame and the area of the bruise was swollen. We noticed the swelling after 2 days and informed the doctor. The doctor was dazed and speechless. He was in a state of shock. Then he said "You are very lucky. Even without any provocation, the blood is oozing here and there in your body. But even after bumping your head, how come you have not haemorrhaged in your brain? You could have died instantaneously on getting hit on your head. How is it you are alive?" He could not hide his surprise.

But it was no surprise to us. We knew just how my husband was kept alive. It was because He (Jesus) was able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day (II Tim. 1:12)

I had prayed on 6th January that my husband was wearing the helmet of salvation and had asked the Lord to protect my husband's brain and let not even one cell to bleed in his brain. I committed my husband's entire body into the nail pierced hands of Lord Jesus. Therefore, though the head was hurt, the Lord was able to keep my husband's brain without bleeding and damage and protected him from eventual death.

Confirmed Calling

My husband says -- "Though I accepted the prophecy which was given to me in Madurai, I was pondering whether I was worthy to do our Lord's glorious ministry.

I was questioning my capabilities. I had many shortcomings. I lacked Bible knowledge. I could not read or write properly in Tamil or speak in pure Tamil. I kept thinking alternatively of the calling and my capabilities. The prophecy and the call alone occupied my mind. I did not care about the disease at all. I was slowly turning the pages of the Bible and I started reading III John. The Lord Jesus started speaking to me through III John. The Lord felt happy with my witness. He felt very happy that I was walking in the truth. (III John 3). In verse 14, he promised to give me an opportunity to speak to him face to face. It was as though the entire chapter was written exclusively for me. This was my first experience to hear what the Lord speaks to me personally through the Bible.

My heart lit up and I continued to read I Peter. The Lord again spoke through I Peter, 1st Chapter. There He spoke about my disease, test, prophecy, faith, advice and new life. He authenticated all that He had spoken through I Peter

1:25.

Now I did not have even an iota of doubt. All the doubts and apprehensions regarding the prophecy and calling vanished. I committed and dedicated my spirit, soul and body to the service of the Lord. The fact that the Lord had chosen even me for His glorious ministry made my heart leap with joy. I was reading a book titled, "My Weakness, His Strength," by Robert C. Girard. It was written thus: "My Grace is sufficient for you for My strength is made perfect in weakness." (II Cor. 12:9,11).

Our weakness causes God's power and glory to be unveiled and revealed. God chooses the vessels of weakness and manifests His Power through them. When others see God's power and might manifest through such weak vessels, they are absolutely sure of God's power.' This message blotted out all my concerns regarding my sickness."

Thus my husband confirmed his calling.

Much earlier, when my sister-in-law came from the USA in Sept.89, we called on the Leader of Madras CSI Diocese, Chain of Prayer, Mrs. Joseph. When she was praying for our family, she told my husband, "Son, the Lord is asking your heart.

As a family you will serve the Lord. You have a definite call for His Ministry. Therefore, if you are not born again so far, commit yourselves, get saved and turn unto the Lord."

We were not saved at that time. Whatever she told us at that time, was like a horn blown in deaf ears. Not that we did not care or ignored what she said! We simply did not hear what she spoke!! Only if we had listened to what she had spoken and did not obey, the question of disobedience or negligence would have arisen. Isn't it?.

So when we received the Lord's call to do His Ministry during this illness, my mother-in-law, sister-in-law and Aunt Mrs. Johnson, reminded us of what Mrs. Joseph had told us 3 years ago. Therefore we confirmed the calling my husband had received without any doubt.

Valley of Darkness of Death

Days went by. We spent our time in prayer and in reading and meditating the Word of God. I visited the 'Blessing Youth Mission' and met Bro. Jeyaraj, the Financial Coordinator, and bought books of Bro.Stanley. My husband was reading those books.

Medically and clinically my husband's condition was deteriorating day by day. The platelet count was fluctuating between 10,000 and 9,000. The doctors who gave us assurance that they could easily cure the disease were losing hope -- because a platelet count of 10,000 is a fairly fatal count and my husband could collapse any time.

Be Still...

We remembered the time when we were in Madurai hospital. The Principal of Noyes School, Mrs. Sornam Franklin, came to the hospital and prayed for us. She read Psalm 46 and prayed over the verse -- "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps.46:10).

In Vellore, when we were puzzled and confused, not knowing what to do, my husband always quoted that verse. "There is nothing that we can do. The Lord asks us to be still. We will wait upon the Lord at His feet," he used to say. I used to get amazed to see my husband's faith grow so strong in the face of despair.

My faith used to grow like a mountain. But sometimes it would become like a bubble that might burst anytime. I used to get dejected by the circumstances and my faith would take wings and fly away. Then I used to pray to God to increase my faith. He answered my prayers, and strengthened me in faith.

But my husband's faith was steadfast and unshaken from the day he got the disease. He had full faith that nothing would happen to him and that the Lord would definitely make him all right. When we were in Vellore, my husband was praying specifically for two things - one, that he should be completely healed and the other, that he should receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit before we left the hospital. He prayed earnestly for these two things.

The Kingdom which is divided within itself

One day, I asked the doctor why the platelets were suddenly decreasing. He told me that the white blood cells (WBC) produce antibodies against any foreign material like germs, etc. Likewise, the WBC due to wrong signals start producing antibodies against the platelets. The platelets that are produced in the marrow, when they come to the blood circulation, get destroyed by these antibodies and hence the reduction in platelet level and peripheral destruction of platelets occurs.

I asked my husband - "How is it possible that one type of cell in the blood destroys the other type of cell in the blood without any reason?"

We read in the Bible that the Kingdom that is divided within itself will not last. God has created us with life in the blood. Satan has brought this kind of division in your blood and has caused this disease."

Then I rebuked the devil and evil forces that caused this division and war in the

blood, in the mighty name of Jesus.

Jehovah -- Jireh

Usually there was not much ready and liquid cash in my Bank account. But in December 1990, I took a loan of Rs.10,000/- to buy National Savings Certificates for Income Tax purposes. But somehow I did not do that. Something prevented me from buying the NSCs.

Then in January 1991, my husband took ill and we were about to start to Vellore. At that time I did not run here and there for money. Our Lord God who is Jehovah-Jireh -- our Eternal Provider had already arranged the Rs.10,000/- in my Bank Account.

I withdrew that money and made a vow. Lord, I believe that you have arranged this Rs.10,000- for our medical expenses. Before this money gets exhausted, please grant my husband perfect health and bring us back to Madurai."

On 20th January, my husband remembered that he was to receive a credit of Rs.10,000/- in his Bank account. He asked me to write to his branch and find out about it as we may require that money.

The very same day, at about 9.30 p.m., our Vellore Town Branch Manager visited us and told us that he contacted our Head Office regarding our expenses. If the hospital would give an estimate of expenses, then the Bank would directly pay the bill to the hospital. He came to tell us only about this, and left after a few minutes. To my husband, it appeared as though God had sent His angel to deliver this message.

Unexpected Turning Point

The next day 21.1.91, when the doctor visited us, my husband told him that we required an estimate of probable medical expenses so that we could give it to the Bank. The Doctor replied that if surgery was unavoidable, the expenses might come up to around Rs.20,000/- if not, it would be around Rs 10,000/-. We simply did not understand what the surgery was all about. When the doctor came, my husband was reading a chapter in the Acts and after he left, he continued reading it from the place he had stopped. It was in Acts 20:24 -- "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself. So that I may finish my race with joy, and the Ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the Grace of God."

My husband was unperturbed by the word 'surgery'- Praise the Lord!

The chief came the next day and told my husband that it was the 3rd week since the onset of the disease. There was no improvement in his condition. Therefore, there was only one way to save his life. If they removed his spleen through surgery (splenectomy) there was 50% chance of survival. Even then my husband was unperturbed. But I was so worried. "Operation? Already the blood was not clotting properly and was bleeding. When they perform the surgery, if there was excess bleeding and if the doctors were not able to arrest the bleeding what would happen?" I was torn by these thoughts.

Organs of Body written in the Book

in our ward, one Mrs. Selvamani, a catholic believer, was staying for her husband's treatment. I rushed to her and told her "Look, sister, all of a sudden the doctors are saying that my husband needs to undergo surgery. It is a major surgery and I am alone here. All the relatives have left thinking that he will be all right. What will I do?"

She immediately comforted me and strengthened me saying, "Don't worry sister, there is a verse in Psalm 139, regarding the days on which the parts of the body - the body organs are created. We will pray over that verse." Both of us searched for that verse. Oh! what a wonderful verse. It was like a beacon for a drowning ship

"Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect, and in Thy book all my members were written which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there were none of them." Ps.139:16 (KJV) .

According to the New King James version,

"Your eyes saw my substance being yet unformed. And in your book they all were written The days fashioned for me when as yet there were none of them." Ps.139:16 (NKJV)

In the English Bible versions the full impact of the verse is not explicit.

But in the Tamil Bible, which we read at the time of crisis, it reads thus, "Your eyes saw my substance; my organs, all of them and the days on which they were fashioned were written in Your book even before they were formed."

We knelt down and prayed; "Lord Jesus, we believe according to this verse that all my husband's organs, especially the spleen and the day on which they were formed were written in Your book even before they were formed. Since it is so, without your will, unless you strike off my husband's spleen from your book, how can the doctors remove it through surgery? Please give my husband divine healing through your grace."

I shared with my husband the secret of this verse which God has sent through Mrs. Selvamani. Both my husband and I held on to this verse and started praying earnestly.

I will Restore Double

On one hand we continued to pray, and on the other hand the doctors started preparing my husband for surgery. They administered a vaccine called Pneumovax costing Rs.1000/- which was bought from Madras. The surgeons visited and examined him.

One day I was brushing my teeth in the bathroom and crying to the Lord; "Oh, Lord? How long should we stay here ? This hospital is like a jail" Then the Lord spoke clearly, "Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope, even today I declare that I will restore double to you" I rushed out, searched for the Bible, and located the verse. It was in Zech.9:12

I told my husband that Lord Jesus has promised that He will restore double today. We too must pray accordingly. That day my husband's blood was tested again. So I started telling everyone I met, "The Lord has promised to double. Wait and see today. In today's blood test by God's Grace, the platelets will definitely double."

Lean not on your own understanding

Next morning I was eagerly waiting for the results. I was turning the pages of the Bible for reading. The Lord spoke through Prov.3: 5,6.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

I could not understand anything. What is this? The Lord said He would restore double. Now he says not to learn on my understanding. I was confused.

After sometime, the blood test result came. The doctor said that the platelet level had in fact dropped from 12,000 to 10,000.

Commit to the Lord

Then I said, "Lord, knowing that we are going to receive adverse results, have you warned me in the morning itself not to lean on my own understanding?
Thank you Jesus."

Then my husband and I committed ourselves to the Lord's will and submitted that His will be done and fulfilled in our lives, especially in the course of this sickness.

"Lord, if it is your will that he should be healed through the surgery, then let that

be done. We are not adamant that we will not go through the operation. If it is your will to heal my husband without surgery, then let that be done. But we definitely want healing, since it is your will that we should be healthy. But we commit to You the way in which he should be healed."

We prayed at our Lord's feet and committed ourselves totally to His will. I fasted for 3 days to subject my self to God's will. It was very difficult to commit to God's will in such a situation. I think it is quite easy to commit to God's will while selecting a job or selecting a bride or bridegroom. But, what we faced was a life and death struggle. We tarried more in prayer and crucified our self-will.

Jehovah -- Shalom

There is a wonderful chapel in the Vellore hospital. The sweet and quiet presence of the Lord fills the chapel. In fact one can feel God's presence in the entire hospital. Every morning while going for shopping, I used to go to the Chapel and pray.

While I was in Vellore, I would get upset and gloomy sometimes. Our children were staying with my brother and parents in Madurai. I used to worry about them, how they were and whether they were missing us. Our son was 8 years old but our daughter was very young, only 4 and a half year old at that time. She is her daddy's pet. Our Bank sends us for out-station training now and then, but we would come back in two or three weeks. But this time they had to wait for us indefinitely. I used to get dismayed and shaken by these thoughts. They were really agonising, excruciatingly painful moments of a mother's heart.

One day while I was crying, thinking of our children, the Lord spoke through Is.49:25 -- "For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children.." Thus he comforted me.

I used to go to the Chapel often and pray. "Oh! Prince of Peace, have mercy on me. Lord, you have said that you will give us the peace that the world cannot give, you have said that our peace will be like a river. Please give me that peace now. If I give up my hope now, my husband will also be upset. Girdle my faith with divine strength and power. Give me PEACE. You have said in Phil.4: 6,7.

'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus' please fill me up now with the peace which surpasses all understanding ."- I used to plead with the Lord.

Then, like water flowing from a waterfall, divine peace used to fill me up. Like a battery, I used to get charged with divine strength and peace.

Noah's Ark

Often we used to ponder why God allowed this disease. The Lord revealed many things to us. God chose Noah and his family. God decided to destroy the entire earth. If God had decided He could have taken Noah and his family to Heaven like he took Enoch, destroy the Earth, then bring back Noah and his family to earth.

But the merciful and sovereign God decided that Noah should make an Ark according to His instructions and measurements as his refuge. He closed the door of the Ark and guided Noah through the deluge. Until that time the earth had not seen rain. It rained for the first time during the deluge. How Noah, who had not seen rain, would have got frightened while he was inside the Ark. God's will was to guide him through the anxious days.

Like this, in the lives of believers, God decides to lead and guide them through suffering, agony and disease. He says, "In the world you will have tribulations, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." (Jn.16:33)

Also it is written in I Cor. 10: 13 "God will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able but with the temptation, will also make the way of escape that you may be able to bear it."

Manifestation of God's Glory

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were set over the affairs of the Province of Babylon (Dan 2:49). They also had to pass through temptations and tribulations. They had to be thrown into fire and reveal the Glory of God.

Moreover, when Jesus Christ was in this world, the disciples who saw a man who was born blind, asked Jesus who sinned that he was born blind. Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." John 9: 3. Like these, God gave us many revelations.

From U S A

My husband's sister and brother-in-law are working as scientists in the USA in the field of cancer research. When they heard that my husband was affected by ITP, they contacted scientists who were working in Haematology. They were told that if children get this disease there was a chance for the platelet level to rise

automatically. But for adults there was no possibility for platelets to increase on their own. But my sister-in-law told me over the phone, that with men this was impossible, but with God all things were possible. (Mat.19:26) We would pray over this verse, she said.

I will come to you

It was 27th January. I was walking in the hospital verandah and was praying silently, "Lord, do not leave me and my children as orphans in this world." Then the Lord spoke "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." Then I replied, "What Lord? You will come to us in your second coming. How long will we have to wait for it?" and walked away. I did not have the wisdom to understand what the Lord said.

Spirit Anointing -- Fire Anointing

On the 27th night, we were awake until midnight and were reading the Bible. I slept for sometime. My husband continued to read the Bible. He saw the time. It was 11:59 midnight. He waited for 28th to be born. He woke me up at 0.01 AM.

We prayed and went to bed. On 28-1-91 early morning my husband passed through a supernatural experience. Listen to the first hand account of it, he says -

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As I lay on the hospital cot, I saw Bro. S. Sankar, an evangelist, coming. He asked me "What do you want?" I said "I yearned for the anointing of the Holy Spirit at the Tirupattur Fasting Prayer meeting itself..." before I could complete that sentence, tears rolled down my cheeks. After sometime, Bro. Jeyaraj of the Blessing Youth Mission was coming towards me as I was lying on the cot. At that moment I saw a bright white streak of light enter me through my head and passed through my body. My body got illuminated like a 10,000 watts bulb. I was glowing. Oh! it was a glorious experience. I could feel the position in which I was lying -- on my right side of the body, head more towards the right side of the cot and the leg slightly towards the left side of the cot. To me I was like a cocoon glowing in orange colour. In retrospect, I would say I had the colour of a glowing coal or molten iron. I was trembling mildly. This would have lasted about 10-15 seconds. Then, the white streak of light resembling a slanted 'Z' rose from my cot and went out through the door. I revered the experience and started praising God. I was praising and glorifying God for almost a few minutes.

I wanted to share my experience with Renu. I woke her up and asked her for the time. It was 3.58 a.m. on the 28th January. I asked her to come and sit beside me and told her of my great supernatural experience. She said it was the power and glory of Jesus Christ that had passed through me in the form of light. According to all our prayers, I had been anointed by the Holy Spirit and would

have received the healing also. Because He makes the crooked places straight,
He would have made my malfunctioning spleen straight.

I did not accept it fully. The experience was too good to be true. I thought and said it was most probably a dream or a sample of the anointing of the Holy Spirit I was going to receive. I said anointing of the Holy Spirit was a real life experience and then how could Bro.Sankar and Bro.Jeyaraj come? In spite of these questions in my mind, I was feeling very happy about the experience.

Then we decided that we would believe that the Lord Himself had come and we would ask Him to unravel the mystery. We praised and thanked the Lord Jesus for having come. We prayed and went back to bed.

When I woke up in the morning, the lab technicians paid an unannounced visit and drew blood for the platelet count test.

During the day, Renu and I discussed the experience again and again. I did not fully accept that I had been anointed. Renu said that the blood test would be the real test whether the power of Jesus had passed through me or whether it was a dream. If my platelet count had increased, it was a definite confirmation that it was a true experience and that I was anointed by the Holy Spirit and in that process my body had been healed of the illness. The entire day was spent at the Lord's feet, praying for revelation. In the evening when Renu had been to the shop, I was conversing with God -- "Lord, when I came to the hospital, you spoke to me directly and answered my doubts and questions. Now you are silent. . May be I am not talking to you. ...God please speak to me .." I repeatedly prayed again and again.

I will deliver you

At the same time Renu also had an encounter with God. She says:

On 28.1.91 evening, I was going for shopping. As I was walking along the corridor near the chapel, the Holy Spirit urged me to go to the Chapel. Usually I go the Chapel in the mornings. That evening, the Lord definitely prompted me to go to the Chapel. I obeyed and stepped into the Chapel. While I was entering the Chapel, the Lord clearly spoke:

"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."
(Ps.50:15) I went inside the Chapel, knelt down and prayed.

"Lord, you know that we are in great distress and you know our agony. In our agony we are crying out unto you. You know that if you perform a miracle and deliver us, the glory and praise of healing us from this rare disease will belong to You. If the doctors cure the disease through surgery, all the glory will belong to

the doctors. What will we say when we go to Madurai? Would we say that we went to Vellore and the doctors performed a surgery and healed my husband? If You heal him, we will tell every person we meet that our Lord Jesus has miraculously healed my husband without surgery. We will bear witness to You. We will go from Church to Church and exalt Your good deeds of Grace. You have said, whosoever offers praise glorifies Me. We will keep on glorifying You by offering thanksgiving and praise. Have mercy and compassion on us and heal my husband, Lord. According to your immense Grace answer our prayer. We believe that your power and glory has passed through him. Reveal it to us. Throughout our lifetime we will be a living testimony to You, Lord Jesus." I cried and prayed, pleaded, interceded and travailed .

Having said, will He not do?

On 28.1.91, around 8.30 p.m., we were talking to our cousins. Though we were talking, my mind was on the vow I made to God and my husband's mind was attracted towards his prayer that the Lord would speak to him.

Around 8.40 p.m., Dr. Ganesh came in and said to our surprise "The blood test reveals that your platelet count has increased from 10000 to 21000. The chief is thinking of discharging you. He will confirm this tomorrow." He went away. All of us rejoiced in one voice, "Praise the Lord."

God spoke to my husband through the doctor. It was one of the happiest moments of his life. The happy aspect of his blood result was one thing. God's answer to his prayer gave him the greatest joy. My husband immediately shared with us his petitions and the answer. He was jubilant. We then shared the entire episode with my cousins.

How true is the verse "All things work together for the good of those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Rom.8:28

The one who promised, He would restore double, has covered Himself with light as with a garment (Ps.104:2) Has presented Himself on 28.1.91, and restored two double blessings. He gave anointing and healing. He doubled the platelet level count that was 10000 to 20000+1000 = 21000. When we commit ourselves fully to His will, His Grace gives us many blessings.

When we first came to Vellore, CMC Hospital, my husband started reading the New Testament from the beginning. I used to joke that only when he finished the New Testament, he will receive healing. Surprisingly, it was more than a coincidence that on 28.1.91, he completed reading the New Testament.

Rev.21:4-7 especially spoke to to husband. The Lord who said, "Behold, I make all things new" Has made my husband's spleen new.

My husband continued to read the book "Baptism and the Lord's Supper" One portion particularly appealed to him. It is written in the book "Is your God big enough? Is He big enough for your life, your problems, your needs and your heartache...?"

Our God is omnipotent. There can be no limit, boundary or edge to His ability and His power..."

My husband told me, "Yes, really and truly my God is big enough for my disease and my life. Never will I doubt His deeds." We praised, prayed and went to bed in peace.

Lord Who Multiplies

Next morning, the chief came and announced, "There is an unexpected improvement in your condition. Therefore, we will wait for one more week. Next Monday, we will again check your blood. If the platelet count rises to 40000, I will discharge you without operation. I will keep you under observation and defer the decision on surgery." Praise the Lord.

The Monday he meant was 4.2.91. 5.2.91 was the day that the Lord had revealed that my husband will be all right through Bro.Sigamani in Madurai,before we set out for Vellore.

The Lord's appointed day was approaching. Lord Jesus Himself had intervened and given divine healing. It should be made perfect on 4.2.91. "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) says the Lord. Accordingly, He could make my husband's life more abundant. Lord Jesus who multiplied 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes and fed 5000 people lives today. He is unchanging. He should multiply the 21000 platelets and discharge us without surgery, we prayed.

We were a bit confused as to how much platelet to ask of God in prayer. Both of us prayed on 29.1.91 that the platelets be increased to 320000. However, both of us felt uncomfortable after making the request. So, both my husband and I, independently asked God whether our prayer request was correct. God revealed His will to each of us separately.

My husband was reading the Book "Prayer - Conversing with God." It is written in that book that our prayer requests should be need based and not want based. Similarly, while I was asking God whether what we were praying for was correct, the Lord revealed, "It is only for 4 days you've subjected your self will to God's will and committed yourselves totally to God. After you got the results you wanted, your self-will is acquiring dominance."

We shared with each other what God had revealed to us. Then with agreement of hearts, we asked for forgiveness and prayed, "Lord, doctors are expecting 40,000 platelet count. Please give us the platelet count that will sustain us in Madurai without giving my husband a relapse or trouble. Please multiply the platelets accordingly."

My sister-in-law from USA telephoned. I shared with her how our Lord has answered our prayers and has doubled the platelets. I asked her to pray for normalcy of platelets by next week so that we could get discharged and go home. She told me that she had gone to their chapel and a missionary told her that Jesus Christ had already started healing her brother and that he would be all right. She asked my husband to pray repeatedly over the verse -- "I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord." Ps.118:17 . This verse is called the Fighter's Prayer.

A lady doctor was listening to our conversation as the telephone was in the duty room. She thought - "This disease is a dreadful and a deadly disease, yet this lady says that by praying they got the platelets doubled and they will continue to pray and become normal and get discharged next week. Poor thing! though she is educated and has a good job, due to worries and tiredness, she may have turned nearly mad! Her husband may collapse any time. The same mental condition has afflicted her relative also who is speaking from USA. It is really surprising that her relative who is well educated -- a doctorate at that and who is engaged in medical research also has the same beliefs and attitudes." She pitied us.

We received an express letter from my sister-in-law. Our Lord is not only a Lord at hand but also a Lord afar off. We saw with our own eyes how our Lord works across continents. We share the letter with you.

Galveston

Jan 31, 91

My dear Renuma and Suresh,

We believe and praise the Lord with the hope that Suresh is totally healed by the time you receive this letter. When we talked to you on Jan 30 (yesterday), we were encouraged to hear that when the platelet number goes up to 40000 you will be discharged and there would be no need for surgery. At 9.30 am, (2 hours later) when I turned on the TV, Marilyn Hickey, a true child of God was starting her regular program. Sometimes before she starts with her scheduled teaching, she'll get the inspiration to pray for someone's special need. When she prays, she will ask us watching the TV program to join her and pray the same prayer of faith. Yesterday, I was simply astounded to hear the prayer that I prayed with her. She first explained that 30 years back they did not have enough money to pay the rent for the Gospel Building. They joined together and asked the Lord to multiply the 30 dollars they had. When they counted again, it was 75 dollars they needed for payment! She said that our Lord was a God of multiples and started praying for multiplication of God's gifts and blessings. She said that someone has

a lack (I prayed for Suresh's lack of platelets) Just as the Lord multiplied the bread loaves and the fish to feed thousands, he would multiply what we have. In blessing he will bless and in multiplying He will multiply (Gen 22:17) Grant this provision to my brother or sister who has the lack within 24 hours in a miraculous way." I have noted the time when we prayed this prayer of agreement (Mathew 18: 18-20) as 9.35 a.m., on Jan 30th 1991. Our God who satisfies all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus is limitless. He is able to give total healing to Suresh, not only 40,000 platelet count but the normal level and also heal all other weaknesses in his body. Praise the Lord. His name will be glorified as was ever!

Our love and prayer,

Yours affectionately,
Susi and Athan

That evening, Mrs. Kadakshamani of Madurai, visited us. She had come to Vellore for her eye treatment. She used to visit us often. As soon as she entered the room she said "Suresh, you look very healthy. Your face is sparkling with a new colour. See your palms." Only then we noticed his palms. They used to be very pale. They were now really pink in colour and looked very healthy. We praised God and shared with her the miracle the Lord had performed.

This is the Day that the Lord had made

My husband's blood was tested on 4.2.91. The whole day I fasted and prayed. I decided I would eat only after hearing the good results. All of us prayed earnestly. Results came in the night itself. The junior doctor came and said "To everyone's surprise, your platelet count has increased to 122000. We were expecting only 35000 to 40000, but this has increased to a near normal level of 122000"

"This was the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes." (Ps.118:23). Our Lord had healed my husband so suddenly that even the doctors could not believe it. The same lady doctor who had listened to my telephone conversation with my sister-in-law, had gone to the lab to collect the result. She was particularly eager to see my husband's results. On seeing this wonderful result she told our ward nurse, "This result is not normally possible. These people got the result they wanted only through prayer. It is a medical mystery."

On 5.2.91 the chief declared, "We are very happy. You are healed without surgery. I am discharging you. I am reducing the dosage of your drug. You have to come next month for a check-up. There is a chance of relapse for 40% of the people on weaning from steroids. When you come for your check-up, if the platelet count has decreased, then you will have to undergo splenectomy. Otherwise, you can go back the same day."

We praised and glorified God who had answered our prayer, healed my husband, and brought us back out of captivity according to His immeasurable Grace.

Jehovah - Nissi

We got discharged on 7.2.91. I got up early in the morning and prayed, "Lord , your presence led us to Vellore. Likewise, let Your presence go before us. In all things I do regarding discharge, let Your presence and your glory manifest itself.

Our Bank issued a cheque for our hospital bill. As I took the cheque to be paid at the counter, our ward attender, one Mr.Thomas, who accompanied me to the counter, saw the Banker's cheque and said, "Madam they will not accept cheques. Only against cash payment they discharge you" True to his name, he was a doubting Thomas!

I asked him, "Thomas, who is going before us?" He gave me a puzzled look. He would have thought that I had gone mad because there was no one else except the two of us in the corridor. I told him that I had prayed that morning and had asked Lord Jesus to go before me. He is going before us as King who breaks open (Micah 2: 13). We reached the counter. I prayed and gave them the cheque. They did not say anything but gave me a form to be filled up and accepted the cheque and issued the discharge certificate. Thomas confessed, "Madam, now I believe in Jesus". The Lord's name was glorified.

We got discharged on 7.2.91, went to Tirupattur Fasting Prayer Meeting conducted by Bro.Sam Jebadurai, gave our thanks to God and returned to Madurai.

Our children saw me in the auto, and ran towards the auto asking "Has our daddy come?" They jumped into the auto and climbed onto my husband's lap. They showered him with kisses. I watched the reunion with tears in my eyes. This picture is still vivid in my memory. I can never forget the family reunion. How great and merciful our loving Father is!

He calls those things that do not exist as though they did

My husband is the only son of his parents. They have two daughters and one son. "Lord you have given back the father to our children, son to the parents and

husband to me. What shall I render to you for all the benefits towards me? I will take up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." I praised God with tears in my eyes.

Everyday I offer thanksgiving and praises to the Lord from the depth of heart. The fact that my husband is alive today is a puzzle to medical realm. That too, in perfect health! Without splenectomy, his platelets have increased by God's Grace. It is a wonderful thing. Not only that, a month and a half before the disease struck, my husband was suffering from a severe cough. No sooner he opened his mouth to speak, than the cough would start. Once his cough started, it would continue for hours.

But according to the verse, "He spoke and it was done, He commanded and it stood fast" (Ps.33:12), The Lord must have commanded the cough to stop. For from 6.1.91, the day ITP struck, there was no sign of cough. Doctors felt that if there had been cough, then the damage to the lungs would have been extensive. There would have been bleeding in the lungs too.

The Lord says, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." (I Cor.10:13)

I often pondered over the disease. According to medical science, a platelet count of 10,000 is fairly fatal. Normally, the patient would collapse when the platelet count touches 10,000. But my husband stayed alive even when the platelet count dipped to 9,000. One day when I was worshipping our Lord over His various names, God revealed it. One of His names is "One who calls those things which do not exist as though they did." (Rom. 4:17) That is why He called the life of my husband which could not have existed -- which did not exist -- as though it existed and guarded my husband's life.

At the end of this book, I am enclosing the Medical Report of my husband. Please go through it.

When we were discharged, Satan brought a doubt in a corner of my heart. "What will you do if the disease recurs? Doctors say that in 40% cases there will be a relapse." At that time God sent Mrs. Kadakshamani to me. I shared with her my anxiety. Immediately she said, "Renu, our Lord Jesus healed so many lepers, blind, deaf and cripples. Is it written anywhere in the Bible that anyone of these persons who were healed by Jesus returned to Him saying --Lord the disease you cured has come back? -- No, disease cured by doctors can relapse, but our Lord gives divine healing, a permanent cure -- The Egyptian whom you see today, you shall see no more forever -- (Ex.14:13) Go to Madurai with peace." I got strengthened in faith.

I prayed to God, "Lord Jesus, bless my husband with long life." Lord has given me that promise, "You will see your children's children." (Ps.128:6) Even today I am praying over these promises.

"The Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see no more forever."

"You will see your children's children."

Before I went to Vellore, I prayed over the money. I had the Rs.10,000/- that the Lord gave, and prayed that the Lord should bring us back to Madurai before the 10,000/- gets exhausted.

Everytime I opened my handbag for money, I prayed, "Lord, bring us back from our captivity before this money is over." Even while mixing beverages like Horlicks and Complian, I prayed, "Lord, before this bottle of Horlicks is over, please heal us and take us back to Madurai."

The Lord is faithful. He brought us back out of our captivity before the Rs.10000 we had got exhausted.. He returned us from captivity even before the bottle of Horlicks got empty. Hallelujah!

You may laugh at my prayers. What is this? Prayer while making Horlicks? Prayer while opening the handbag? But my heartbeat itself was prayer. Except the time I spent in sleeping, I prayed "Lord this.." and "Lord that.." within my heart. Both of us prayed separately each morning. Then we read the Bible and prayed as a family. After that while I attended to my duties and work in taking care of my husband, I never let my heart worry or imagine that something untoward would happen to my husband. I would say that the Lord also did not let my heart worry. I prayed, He promised; He granted.

Likewise, whatever I prayed for during the course of this illness, and whatever my husband prayed for, was granted. Praise be to the Lord.

Not even a single little prayer went unanswered. However big or small it may have been, however silly it may have been, the Lord had mercy on us and according to His immeasurable Grace, honoured it and answered the request. Our Lord is a speaking God, answering God! Hallelujah!

Moses - Aaron - Hur

When Moses was guiding the Israelites from Egypt, Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim (Ex. 17:8-13). Joshua fought with Amalek. Moses was holding the rod of God on the top of the Hill. When he brought down his hand, Amalek prevailed. When he held up his hand Israel prevailed.

When Moses became tired, Aaron and Hur made him sit on a stone and supported his hands. Then Joshua defeated Amalek with the edge of his sword.

Like this incident, my husband was fighting the disease and Satan who brought this disease. I was praying. And thousands of people supported us through intercession.

Prayers were offered for us in many churches. CSI Churches, Assembly of God Churches, Methodist Churches, Siloam Church, Seventh Day Adventist Church, ECI Church and All Saints Church are some of the Churches that prayed for us.

Many evangelists and pastors prayed for us, especially Bro. and Mrs. Sankar, Bro.J. Sam Jebadurai, Bro. & Mrs. Arumainayagam, Bro. Jeyaraj, Prayer warriors of Jesus Calls Prayer Tower, Bro. Ananda Sthira, Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus, Pastor N.J. Paul Raj, Bro. Jayapaul of Madras, Pastor Jeremiah, Pastor Jesudas, Bro. Devadass, and all the pastors of the above churches and many more servants of God prayed for us.

Many Prayer Groups and Prayer Cells interceded for us. Especially Madras Chain of Prayer, Madurai-Ramnad Branch, the believers in my office, Madras HBI Prayer Group, many Gospel Teams and Prayer Groups in Vellore Hospital fought for us in Prayer. Bro. Jeyaraj of Blessing Youth Mission sent many BYM missionaries to the hospital to pray. He also came and prayed. Special prayers were offered in the daily prayers and Fasting Prayer meetings of Blessing Youth Mission.

I must also mention friends and relatives. Hundreds of people prayed day and night with tears. My mother-in-law Mrs. Rajamanickam prayed, "Lord, take my life if required. But please give life to my son." See a mother's loving heart. My mother fasted for 5 days and fought for her son-in-law in prayer. Dear Aunt Sarojini Sundaram who was in CMC Hospital with her son. Dr. SasiKumar was a great source of comfort with prayer and Bible verses. May God bless all who offered intercessory prayer for us.

I often get amazed as to how I was so bold and courageous to face such a crisis and what amount of faith I had. After returning to Madurai, many people told me that they prayed for my faith to be strengthened and increased; that I should not lose faith. Only then did I realise the power of intercession. How the prayers that we offer for others works.

During this illness, I often asked Lord Jesus - 'Why are you so quiet? Do something and heal my husband.' The Lord's reply came in the February issue of Annrantrulla Appam Daily Meditation. Bro. Sam Jebadurai in the key message meditated upon the verse - "Simon, Simon ! indeed Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you that your faith should not fail and when you have returned to me, strengthen your brethren." Luke 22:31-32

The Lord has replied to me that He was not quiet but He had prayed for me .
That is why my faith did not fail.

The Sword of the Spirit

During the course of the illness, many verses from the Bible guided us.

"He sent His word and healed them and delivered them from their destruction" (Ps. 107:20) According to this verse, the Lord sent His word, healed my husband and delivered us from destruction. Moreover, the only offensive weapon to drive away Satan is the Sword of the Spirit which is the word of God according to Eph.6:17. In the whole armour of God, there are six weapons. Of these, five weapons - Helmet of Salvation, Breastplate of Righteousness, Girdle of Truth, Sandal of Preparation of the Gospel of Peace, Shield of Faith - are defensive weapons. We can guard ourselves against the deeds of the devil. But the only offensive weapon to drive Satan away is the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, because God's Word has power. He created heaven and earth with His Word. He has written His powerful Word in the Bible for our benefit. Not only that, He sends to us suitable verses to be used in specific circumstances.

Whenever we earnestly read the Bible with prayer seeking God's guidance, certain verses single out themselves and speak to us. It appears as though they are written just for us. The Holy Spirit indicates that we should claim these verses. Sometimes, the Holy Spirit reminds us of these verses in our spirit. Sometimes, God sends His Word through others.

We are collating the verses thus given to us for your benefit. We prayed over all these verses. We would open the Bible, and keep our fingers on such specific verses and pray - "Lord, we believe in this verse. It should get fulfilled in our lives." We prayed and wrought victory over Satan.

"Be still and know that I am God." Ps.46:10

"The Lord will fight for you and you shall hold your peace." Ex.14:14

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"
Jer.32:27

"Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know." Jer.33:3

"Do not rejoice over me, my enemy, when I fall, I will arise." Mic.7:8

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the

Lord. For as heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Is.55:8,9.

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith. I John 5:4

"If you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'move from here to there', and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." Mat.17:20

"And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."
Mat.21:22

"In the world you have tribulations; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" John 16:33

"With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Mat. 19:26

"I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord." Ps.118:17

"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed. Because His compassion fails not." Lam 3:22

"Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.... for the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see no more forever." Ex.14:13

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." II Cor.12:9

"The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them." Ps.34:7

"They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed."
Ps.34:5

"Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you and you shall glorify me."
Ps.50:15

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." I John 5:14,15

"(Lord) forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things." Ps.103:3-5

"By His stripes we are healed." Is.53:5

"I am the Lord who heals you." Ex.15:26

"So you shall serve the Lord your God, and He will bless your bread and water.
And I will take sickness away from the midst of you." Ex.23:25

"If you would believe, you will see the glory of God." John 11:40

"This sickness is not unto death but for the Glory of God, that the son of God may
be glorified through it" John 11:4

"The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness, You will sustain him on his
sickbed." Ps.41:3 Behold, I will bring them health and healing; I will heal them and
reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth." Jer.33:6

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your
soul prospers." III John 2

"Cast your burdens on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit
the righteous to be moved." Ps.55:22

"For I am the Lord, I do not change, therefore you are not consumed, Oh, sons of
Jacob." Mal. 3:6

"But to you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing
in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves." Mal.4:2

"The just shall live by his faith." Hab. 2:4

"Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be
opened to you." Mat.7:7

"He himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."
Mat 8:17

"If two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for
them by My Father in Heaven." Mat. 18:19

"Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you
will have them." Mk. 11:24

"I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly."
John 10:10

"Lord I believe; help my unbelief." Mk. 9:24

God's word is spirit and life. "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater.

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." Is.55:10,11

His Word works and manifests according to these verses. Believe and receive the blessing. Believe and receive now itself. None of God's words returns to Him void without accomplishing the purpose for which it is sent. Besides, God gives a verse for a specific person in a specific circumstance. In Greek, such a word of God is called " RHEMA".

Pastor Paul Yonggi Chho who defines Rhema in his book 'The 4th Dimension' as "Here is my definition of Rhema: Rhema is a specific word to a specific person in a specific situation." (Page 91)

All the words of God that are written in the Bible are called `Logos'. When our heart is filled with Logos, and we wait upon the Lord for a specific prayer request, the Holy Spirit interacts with us through a verse, or such verses are given through others. For example, the promise verse (Gen.28:15) which my husband received at the New Year's service is one such Rhema. These verses, Rhema of God, accomplish the work which our Lord pleases and do not return void.

After returning to Madurai, I often recollected how wonderfully our Lord guided us by His Word. I happened to read the book - `The 4th Dimension' by Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho. In that book he has given the above explanation for Rhema. Then only I realised how wonderfully God has given us His Rhema - like the whole armour of God; I will deliver you and you shall glorify me; I will not leave you until I have done what I have told you - to us and made the miracle happen.

You Shall Glorify Me

According to our promise to God that we shall glorify Him and Him only, we shared our testimony in many churches and religious meetings. Even today, we are sharing our testimony with everyone we meet.

Lord says, -"Whoever offers praises glorifies me." When we praise Him and offer thanks to Him for all His benefits towards us and bear witness to Him, He is glorified.

God Has Spoken Once, twice I have heard

Again in March 1991, we went to Vellore for a check up. Lord Jesus again doubled the platelet count to 244000. Let praise, honour and glory be to Him.

The doctors sharply reduced the steroid treatment - and took my husband off steroids for 2 weeks - and we were asked to come again in May.

In May also, the platelets were 250000. Doctors said , "You do not need any drug nor are you required to come again to Vellore for a check up." They asked us to do periodic check ups in Madurai. Now the platelet count of my husband is 295000. Glory be to God.

By the power of Jesus, my husband is alive! He is keeping perfect health and bears witness to Jesus that Jesus lives, guides and heals. Praise to God.

Lord who guides in doing His Ministry

We conducted a thanksgiving meeting in Feb.91 in Madurai and offered praise to God.

Lord spoke to us clearly through Hab. 2:2,3 to publish my husband's testimony as tracts.

"Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may see who reads it."
Hab.2:2

Accordingly, we have published the tracts in Tamil and English and are distributing them. Many brothers and sisters who do hospital ministry, distribute them. The feedback from them is very heartening. For instance, one of feedbacks from Tuticorin states that while the patients read the tracts, their faith in Jesus immensely increases and they receive divine healing. God's name is glorified.

Likewise, in order to share how God held our hands and guided us through the valley of darkness of death, how we tasted His presence, power and guidance daily, our Lord enabled us to publish this book to His glory in Tamil and now He has made us publish it in English also.

The Lord uses us to deliver His messages and our testimony in many churches and meetings. As a husband and wife team, we do part time ministry. We proclaim the Gospel. We pray for the sick and suffering . We pray for prayer

requests we get.

Everyday, Lord Jesus guides us. The Lord who said "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will guide you with my eye." Ps.32:8, instructs us and guides us.

"Oh! taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who trusts in Him."
Ps.34:8

Please pray for us and our ministry.

The Lord is not Partial

Because my husband and I had accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, even when we had to walk in the valley of darkness of death, He was with us and like a good shepherd He guided us through.

We believed there was nothing which was impossible for Him and prayed for perfect healing for my husband. He listened to our prayers, had compassion on us, made His power and glory pass through my husband's body and gave him divine healing.

It is written that Jesus came into this world to save sinners. You may think, what have I done? Have I stolen anything? Have I murdered anyone? I too had such thoughts. Having been born in a traditional Christian family, we thought that going to Church on Sundays was Christianity.

But every man who is born into this world is a sinner. It is not when he commits sins that he is a sinner. He commits sins because he is a sinner.

Sin entered into this world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned against Him. This made all their descendants sinners. It is written that the wages of sin is death and that without shedding of blood there is no remission.
(Heb.9:22)

It is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats would take away sins.
(Heb.10:4)

That is why God sent His only son into this world. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our inequities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His Stripes we are healed. (Is.53:5)

The Lord laid on Him the inequities of us all (Is.53:6)

(Jesus) Himself is the propitiation for our sins.(I John 2:2)

Jesus offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins. All our sins, curses and diseases were laid on Him. He hung between heaven and earth as a perfect sacrifice and shed upto the last drop of blood for us.

Why did His hands bleed, pierced with nails? Only for the remission of sins we commit with our hands.

Why did he hang on the cross with His legs pierced with nails? To pay the penalty for sins we commit by walking and going to the places we ought not to go.

His head was crowned with a crown of thorns. The name of the thorns is Bina Christy and they are 2" long. They were driven into His head and blood rushed out from His head. The Roman soldiers spat on His face and the spittle mixed with His blood adorned His face. Why dear brothers and sisters? For remission of sins we commit with our crooked and evil thoughts.

Cursed is everone who hangs from a tree. (Gal.3:13) Jesus Christ was made a curse for us, bore all our curses and hung as a curse and redeemed us from curses.

God did not create thorns, when He first created the heaven and earth. When Adam and Eve were cursed, the earth brought forth thorns and thistles (Gen.3:18) Lord Jesus accepted this curse on His Head as a crown of thorns. He also bore our diseases. How? To bear the diseases which affect our body, His body was torn with a whip. He was scourged. His back was like a land ploughed. By His stripes we are healed. (Is.53:5)

Thus, Jesus bore our sins, curses and diseases in the Cross. He crushed Satan's head on the Cross. He died on the Cross as a perfect sacrifice. On the third day He won over Satan who is the master of death and rose from the dead.

To ask the question "Oh death, where is your sting? Oh Hades, where is your victory?" Jesus swallowed up death in victory. He lives today and reigns from the right side of His Father in Heaven. He gives us eternal life and all these blessings.

How do we inherit and claim all these blessings? Let us realise our true nature - the human nature to commit sins. All of us do not commit theft or murder. But we must realise the simple fact that no one is righteous before God. We must believe and accept with our whole heart that Jesus Christ suffered on the Cross for our sins. He died for our sins. He rose from the dead and is living today . When we repent and confess our sins to Jesus Christ and ask him to forgive and remit all our sins, every drop of blood he shed for us on the Cross in Calvary will cleanse us of our sins and wash away our old nature

and we are immediately transformed into children of God. Oh! how simple! But it makes a world of difference. The Lord showers His blessings on His children.

"But as many as received Him (Jesus Christ) to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." (John.1:12)
This is the experience of salvation, the miracle of miracles.

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household.
(Acts. 16:31)

Accept Lord Jesus as your Saviour and Lord. Invite Him into your lives. Then He will enter your lives. He will do many miracles for you. He will meet all your needs. He will guide you daily. Oh! what a privilege it is to be a child of God!

Dear brothers and sisters, what is the role you have assigned to Lord Jesus in your life? Is He reigning in your life as your Lord? Or, is He still knocking at the door of your heart, standing outside? If you have not accepted Him yet, make up your mind now. Kneel down now, confess your sins and say "Lord Jesus, I am a sinner, forgive my sins. Come into my life. I commit my entire life to you. I accept you as my Lord and Saviour. Hereafter I am your child."

Offer this small prayer. This small prayer of a few lines will change your entire life. You will be delivered from the clutches of sin, disease, curses and problems.

The joy of salvation will start bubbling in your heart. A divine peace - the kind of peace the world cannot give - will encompass you. You will be entitled to eternal life, divine healing and all other blessings. You will not lack anything. Get victory through prayer.

Whatever may be your need, Lord Jesus is able to meet that need. Jesus is sufficient.

May Lord Jesus bless you and keep you. Amen ! Hallelujah!!

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DOD: 7-2-91

Medical Report on : Suresh Johnson Chelliah

Hospital No. : 925650-A

MRD No. : 779112

Age : 37

Address : 1, Kamaraj Street, Ayyanar Nagar,
K.K. Nagar, MADURAI.

Diagnosis : Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura.

History : 37 year old male presented with history of bleeding gums, haematuria and generalised purpuric spots for 6 days. Patient had cough for 1 1/2 months which was treated with amoxycillin. There was no history of any fever. No previous history of any bleeding disorder.

On Examination: Young adult. Afebrile. Blood Pressure - 120/70mm. Hg. pulse rate 80/minute - Extensive ecchymosis. No gum ooze. Fundus - no haemorrhage. No significant lymphadenopathy. There was no hepato splenomegaly. Lungs were clear.

Investigations: 11-1-91 4-2-91

Hb 12.6 14.5

Retics 2.5%

Total WBC 24,000 10,700

Platelets 12,000 1,22,000

Chest X-ray- Normal

Blood Sugar 117 mgm% (11-1-91)

Ac 83 mgm% (18-1-91)

Discussion: Mr. Chelliah had a low platelet count and bone marrow was consistent with peripheral destruction of platelets confirming a diagnosis of ITP. He was started on steroids. He had delayed response and his platelet count showed significant improvement only after 2 weeks of therapy. He developed cushingoid facies related to therapy. There was no evidence of any other complications. In the event of relapse of disease on steroid withdrawal, he may need to undergo splenectomy. He has been vaccinated with polyvalent pneumovocal vaccine.

Recommendations:

1) Tab Prednisolone 40mg daily till 18.2.91 30mg daily

till next review.

2) Tab Ranitidine 150 mg daily at night.

3) Can join back to duty after one week

4) Review in Haematology OPD with counts on 5-3-91

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