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१. अदृश्य संसारको सृष्टी

यसैया १४:१२-१७, ईजिकियल २८:१३-१९, मत्ति २५:४१, प्रकाश १२:३-१०

सुरुमा परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्थ्यो । परमेश्वर आत्मामा हुनुहुन्थ्यो । उहाँले स्वर्ग सृष्टी गर्नुभयो । त्यसपछि, उहाँलाई आरधना, महिमा र सेवा गर्न असंख्य स्वर्गदुतहरूको पनि सृष्टी गर्नुभयो । यी असंख्य स्वर्गदुतहरू मध्य एकजना स्वर्गदुत जसको नामको अर्थ बिहानीको चम्किलो तारा थियो । उ चाहिँ सबै स्वर्गदुतहरू भन्दा अतिनै सुन्दर थियो । यही सुन्दरताको कारणले गर्दा उसको मनमा घमण्ड आयो र उसले आफ्नो हृदयमा भन्न लाग्यो, “म मेरो सिंहासनलाई उच्च पार्नेछु र आफूलाई परमेश्वर समान बनाउने छु ।” यसरी जब उसको मनमा परमेश्वरले पाउनुपर्ने महिमा मैले पाए हुन्थ्यो भन्ने घमण्ड आयो, हृदयका कुरा थाहा पाउनुहुने परमेश्वरले उसको घमण्डको कारण उ र उसको पक्षमा लाग्ने जती सबै स्वर्गदुतहरूलाई उहाँले स्वर्गबाट खसाली दिनुभयो । यसरी खसालीएको स्वर्गदुतहरूको निम्ति नरक पनि बनाउनुभयो । ती स्वर्गदुतहरूनै शैतान र दुष्ट आत्माहरू भए जसले अदृश्य रूपमा परमेश्वरको सृष्टीलाई आजसम्म पनि दुख दिने काम गरिरहेका छन् । यसरी परमेश्वरले स्वर्ग, स्वर्गदुत र नरकजस्ता अदृश्य संसारको सृष्टी गर्नुभयो ।

1. God Creates the Unseen World

Isaiah 14:12-17, Ezekiel 28:13-19, Matthew 25:41, Revelation 12:3-10

God was in the beginning. God was in spirit. He created heaven and then also created countless angels to worship, glorify and serve Him.

Among these countless angels, there was one whose name meant Bright Star of the Morning. Of all the angels, he was the most beautiful.

Because of his own beauty, pride filled his heart and he started saying in his heart, "I will lift up my throne and make myself equal to God."

In this way, when the pride of getting glory equal to God came in his heart, then God, who knows things of the heart, threw him and all the angels siding with him out of heaven because of his pride. God made hell as their place. The angels who were thrown from the heaven became Satan and demons, and in an unseen way to this day are tormenting God's creation.

In this way God created the unseen world of heaven, angels and hell.

२. दृश्य संसार र मानिसको सृष्टी

उत्पत्ती १,२

सुरुमा परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्थ्यो र उहाँले अदृश्य संसारको सृष्टी गरिसकेपछि पृथ्वी सृष्टी गर्नुभयो । पृथ्वी आकार बिनाको शुन्य थियो अथाह समुन्द्रमाथि अन्धकार थियो र परमेश्वरको आत्मा पानीमाथि घुमिरहुनु हुनुहुन्थ्यो । अनि परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “उज्यालो होस” तब उज्यालो भईहाल्यो । उज्यालोलाई हेर्नुभयो र त्यो असल थियो । त्यसपछि उहाँले उज्यालो र अन्ध्यारोलाई अलग अलग गर्नुभयो, उज्यालोलाई दिन अनि अन्ध्यारोलाई रात भन्नुभयो त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले पानीको भाग र अकाशको भाग साथै समुन्द्र र जमिनको भागलाई “अलग अलग होस” भन्नुभयो । त्यस्तै भईहाल्यो । “भूमिले विभिन्न किसिमका बिउहुने फल फल्ने बोट बिरुवा उमारोस” भन्नुभयो तब त्यस्तै भईहाल्यो र दिन रात वर्ष र ऋतुहरु छुट्टयाउनलाई उहाँले ज्योतीहरु होउन् भन्नुभयो तब त्यस्तै भयो । दिनको निम्ति सूर्य र रातको निम्ति चन्द्रमा र असंख्य ताराहरु सृष्टी गर्नुभयो । तब उहाले भन्नुभयो “पानीमा हलचल गर्ने र आकासमा उड्ने तथा जमिनमा घस्रने र हिड्ने साना देखि ठूला सम्म विभिन्न प्राणीहरु होउन्” तब त्यस्तै भईहाल्यो । यसरी सृष्टी गरिसके पछि छैटौँ दिनको अन्तिममा उहाँले भूमिको माटोबाट आफ्नै स्वरूपमा आफ्नै प्रतिरूपमा मानिसको सृष्टी गर्नुभयो र त्यसको नाकमा जीवनको सास फूके पछि उ जीवित भयो त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले उसलाई आदम भन्नुभयो, ती बनाईएका सबै थोकहरु असल थिए । आदमलाई हरेक प्राणीहरु माथि अधिकार दिनुभयो र उनले सृष्टी गरिएका थोकहरुको नाम राखे । परमेश्वरले “मानिस एकलो रहन असल छैन भनी उसको लागि एउटा सुहाउने जोडी बनाउनेछु” भन्नुभयो तर सृष्टी गरिएका प्राणी मध्ये आदमको निम्ति सुहाउने जोडी कोही पनि नभेटिएपछि परमेश्वरले आदमलाई मस्त निन्द्रामा पार्नुभयो र उसको शरिरको एउटा करड निकालेर त्यसबाट स्त्री बनाएर आदमकहाँ ल्याउनुभयो र आदमले भन्यो, “आहा यो त मेरो लागि अति नै सुहाउने जोडी हो।” यिनीहरुलाई परमेश्वरले सुन्दर बगैचामा हेरचाहको निम्ति राख्नुभयो । त्यहाँ मानिसलाई चाहिने सबै किसिमका फल उमानुभयो र बगैचाको बीचमा जीवनको रुख र असल र खराबको ज्ञान दिने रुख पनि लगाउनुभयो । आदम र रुत्री बगैचामा रहन्थे, उनीहरु दुबै नाङ्गै थिए तर लजाउदैनथे, परमेश्वरसगँ यिनीहरुको संगती हुन्थ्यो । अनि परमेश्वरले सबै प्राणीलाई फल्दै फुल्दै वृद्धी हुँदै जाने आशिष दिनुभयो । त्यसबेला आदम र उसकी श्रीमती सुन्दर बगैचामा बस्थे । उनीहरुमा बडो आनन्द र शान्ति थियो । यसरी छैटौँ दिन भित्र सबै कुराको सृष्टी गरिसक्नुभए पछि सातौँ दिनमा परमेश्वरले विश्राम लिनुभयो र पवित्र तुल्याउनुभयो ।

2. God Creates the World and Man

Genesis 1-2

God was in the beginning and after creating the unseen world, He created the earth. The earth was empty, without form and everywhere darkness was over the seas. The Spirit of God was moving over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light" and immediately there was light

God looked at the light and it was good. After that, God separated the light and the dark and called them day and night.

After that, He separated the water and sky. He said, "Let the land and seas be separated," and immediately it was so. "Let the land produce varieties of seeds, seedlings and trees that grow fruits," He said and it was so. And to divide the days, nights, years and seasons, He said, "Let there be lights!" and it was so.

He made a sun for day, a moon for night and created countless stars. Then He said, "Let there be various creatures small to big to stir in the waters, fly in the sky, walk and graze on the land!" and immediately it was so.

After finishing creating, at the end of the sixth day, from the mud of the earth God created man in His own image. After blowing the breath of life in his nose, the man became alive and God named him Adam. All created things were good.

God gave Adam authority over all the creatures and Adam named all the creatures. God said, "It is not good for man to be alone so I will make a suitable mate." But after not finding a suitable mate among all the creatures, God put Adam in a deep sleep and taking a rib from his body and making a woman, brought her to Adam who immediately accepted her saying, "Oh, this is a suitable mate for me!"

God placed them in the beautiful garden to look after it. God caused all different kinds of fruits needed by man to grow there and in the middle of the garden God also placed a tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Adam and the woman stayed in the garden. They were both naked but had no sense of shame. They fellowshiped with God. And God blessed all the creatures saying, "Be fruitful and multiply." At that time Adam and the woman lived in the garden. They had great joy and peace.

In this way after creating all things within six days, God rested on the seventh day and declared it holy.

३. पाप र मृत्यूको शुरु

उत्पत्ती २:१६-१७,३ अध्याय

जब परमेश्वरले आदम र स्त्रीलाई बगैचामा राख्नुभयो उनीहरूलाई एउटा आज्ञा दिनुभयो, “यस बगैचामा भएका सबै फल संकोच नमानी खानु तर बगैचाको बीचमा भएको असल र खराबको ज्ञान दिने रुखको फलचाँहि नखानु किनभने तैले जुन दिन त्यो फल खानेछस् त्यसदिन तँ निस्चयनै मर्नेछस् । आदम र स्त्री त्यो रुखको फल नखाईकन बढो आनन्द साथ रहन्थे । यसैवेला एक दिन प्राणीहरू मध्य धूर्त प्राणी सर्पमा दुष्ट शैतानको आत्मा प्रवेश गर्‍यो र बगैचामा आई स्त्रीलाई भन्यो, “के परमेश्वरले तिमीहरूलाई बगैचाको कुनै पनि फल नखानु भन्नुभएको छ ?” स्त्रीले सर्पलाई भनिन, “बगैचाको सबै रुखको फलहरू हामी खान सक्छौ तर बगैचाको बीचमा भएको यो रुखको फलचाँहि नखानु र नछुनु नत्रता तिमीहरू मछौं” भन्नुभएको छ ।” त्यसपछि फेरि सर्पले स्त्रीलाई बहकाउदै भन्यो, “होईन त्यो फल खायौ भने तिमीहरू मर्दैनौ परमेश्वरलाई थाहा छ कि जुनदिन तिमीहरू यो फल खान्छौ त्यस दिन तिमीहरूको आँखा खुल्नेछ र असल र खराबको ज्ञान पाएर तिमीहरू परमेश्वर जस्तै हुनेछौ ।”

सर्पले भनेको कुरा सुने पछि स्त्रीले फल खानमा असल र हेर्नमा रहर लाग्दो र भ्रम ज्ञान पाएर परमेश्वर जस्तै भईन्छ भन्ने कुराले उनी भित्र फल प्रतिको इच्छा भ्रम बढेर आयो र उनले त्यस रुखको फल टिपेर खाईन र श्रीमानलाई पनि दिईन । उनले पनि खाए, खाने बित्तिकै ति दुबैको आँखा खुल्यो र उनीहरूले नेभाराको पातहरू टिपेर आफ्नो लाज ढाके । साँभपख परमेश्वर बगैचामा डुल्दै गर्नुहुँदा तिनीहरूले उहाँको सोर सुनेर लुके तर परमेश्वरले आदमलाई बोलाउनुभयो, “ए आदम तँ कहाँ छस् ?” उनले भने, “मैले तपाईंको सोर सुनेर म डराए र म नाङ्गै भएको हुनाले लुकेँ ।” परमेश्वरले सोध्नुभयो, “त नाङ्गै छस् भनेर कसले भन्यो? जुन रुखको फल मैले तँलाई नखानु भनी आज्ञा गरेको थिएँ, के तैले त्यो खाईस?” मानिसले भन्यो, “जुन स्त्री तपाईंले मेरो साथमा रहन भनी दिनुभएको थियो त्यसले मलाई दिई, मैले खाएँ।” अनि परमेश्वरले स्त्रीलाई भन्नुभयो, “तैले यो के गरिस?” स्त्रीले भनिन्, “सर्पले मलाई छल गर्‍यो र मैले त्यो खाए ।” तब परमेश्वरले सर्पलाई श्राप दिदै भन्नुभयो “तैले यसो गरेको कारणले जीवनभर माटो खाएर बाँच्नेछस र पेटको बलले घस्येर हिड्ने छस् । तेरो सन्तान र स्त्रीको सन्तानको बीचमा म दुस्मनी हालिदिनेछु । त्यसले तेरो शिर कुच्याउने छ र तैले

3. Sin and Death Enter the World

Genesis 2:16-17,3

When God put Adam and the woman in the garden, He gave them one command, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden but not the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for on the day you eat it you will certainly die.”

Adam and the woman stayed quite happy not eating that tree's fruit. One day among all the living creatures, evil Satan's spirit came into the clever serpent and entering the garden said to the woman, "Has God said that you may not eat of the fruit of any tree in the garden?" The woman said to the serpent, "We can eat every fruit from the trees except from the tree in the middle of the garden. 'Don't eat or touch this tree's fruit or you will die' He has said." Again the serpent deceptively said to the woman, "No, if you eat the fruit you will not die. God knows that the day you eat the fruit your eyes will be opened, and knowing good and evil, you will be like God."

After hearing these words of Satan, the woman saw that the fruit was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the thing to make one as wise as God. The desire for it increased in her and plucking the tree's fruit, she ate and also gave it to her husband. He also ate and immediately their eyes opened and they discovered that they were naked and fear entered their hearts. Then, plucking fig leaves they covered their shame.

After dusk, as God was walking around the garden, hearing His voice they hid, but God called Adam, "Hey Adam, where are you?" Adam said, "Hearing your voice in the garden I was afraid and hid because I was naked." God asked, "Who said that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree I told you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you had given me as a companion, she gave to me and I ate."

And God said to the woman, "What is this that you did?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me and I ate."

Then God, cursing the serpent said, "Because you have done this, you will slink on your belly and survive by eating dirt all your life. And I will put enmity between your offspring and the woman's offspring. You will wound his foot but he will crush your head." And to the woman He said, "I will increase your pain in childbirth and your

त्यसको कुर्कुच्चो डस्नेछस ।” अनि स्त्रीलाई उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “तेरो सुत्केरी वेदना म ज्यादै गरी बढाईदिनेछु कष्ट सगँ तैले बालक जन्माउनेछेस तर पनि तेरो इच्छा पती तर्फनै हुनेछ र त्यसले तलाई अधिनमा राख्नेछ । त्यसपछि आदमलाई उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “तेरो स्वास्नीको कुरा सुनेर तैले मैले नखानु भनेको रुखको फल खाएको हुनाले भूमि तेरो कारणले श्रापित भएको छ । त्यसकारण जीवनभरि दुखसगँ तैले पसिना बगाएर कमाएको उब्जनी खानेछस् । त माटोले बनेको होस माटैमा फर्किजानेछस् ।” त्यसपछि आदमले आफ्नी स्वास्नीको नाम हब्बा राखे । यसरी परमेश्वरले दण्ड दिईसकेपछि आदम र स्त्रीले जीवनको रुखको फल खाएर सधैँभरि पापमा बाँचिरहलान भनी बगैँचाबाट निकाली दिनुभयो । यसरी मानिसले परमेश्वरको आज्ञा उलङ्घन गरेको कारण मानव जीवनमा पाप र मृत्युले प्रवेश गर्‍यो । मानिस र परमेश्वर बीचको सम्बन्ध अलग भयो ।

children will be born with trouble. But your desire will be for your husband and he will rule over you. After that, God said to Adam, "Because you listened to your wife and ate the fruit of the tree which I said you were not to eat, the earth has been cursed. Therefore all your life in hardship and sweaty work you will grow your food and eat. You are made of mud and you will return to mud."

Then Adam named his wife Eve. After punishing them, God expelled them from the garden so they wouldn't eat from the tree of life and live forever in sin. In this way, because man willfully disobeyed God's command, sin and death entered man's life and the relation between man and God was separated.

४. मानिसले मानिसलाई मार्न सुरु गरेको (कयिन र हाबिल)

उत्पत्ति ४:१-१६, हिब्रु ११:४, १ यूहन्ना ३:१२

आदम र हब्बा बगैचाबाट निकालीए पछि हब्बा गर्भवती भईन र पहिलो छोरा जन्माईन र उनीहरूले त्यस छोराको नाम कयिन राखे र फेरि हब्बाले अर्को छोरा पनि जन्माईन र उनको नाम हाबिल राखे । कयिन खेतीपाती गर्ने किसान भए भने हाबिल भेडा गोठाला भए र एकदिन कयिनले दुष्ट विचार राखेर आफ्नो उब्जनीबाट केहि भाग परमेश्वरकहाँ ल्याए भने उनको भाई हाबिलले आफ्नो भेडाको बगालबाट अति उत्तम पहिलो पाठो परमेश्वरलाई चढाए । परमेश्वरले कयिन र तिनको भेटी ग्रहण गर्नुभएन तर हाबिल र तिनको भेटी ग्रहण गर्नुभयो । यसैले कयिन अति रिसाए र तिनको मुख अँध्यारो भयो र आफ्ना भाईलाई मार्ने विचार गरे । परमेश्वरले सोध्नुभयो, “ए कयिन, तेरो मुख किन अँध्यारो छ? के तैले जे ठिक छ त्यही गरेको भए तँ ग्रहणयोग्य हुदैनथिस र? तर जे खराब छ त्यो गरेकोले पाप तेरो ढोकैमा ढुकिवस्छ र त्यसको इच्छा तँ प्रति हुन्छ र तैले त्यसलाई अधिन गर्नुपर्छ ।” कयिनले आफ्ना भाईलाई भने, “आऊ, हामी बहिर खेततिर जाऔँ ।” खेतमा लगेर आक्रमण गरेर भाईलाई मारिदिए । तब परमेश्वरले सोध्नुभयो, “ए कयिन तेरो भाई खोई ?” कयिनले भन्यो, “मलाई थाहा छैन, के म मेरो भाईको गोठाला हुँ र ?” परमप्रभुले भन्नुभयो, “तैले यो के गरिस? तेरो भाईको रगतले भूमिबाट मलाई गुहार गरिरहेको छ । तँ अब श्रापित भएर यस भूमिबाट खेदिएको छस् जसले तेरो भाईको रगत तेरो हातबाट लिनलाई आफ्नो मुख उघाय्यो । भूमिले अब तेरो निम्ति उब्जनी दिने छैन । तँ पृथ्वीमा एक विना चैनको डुलुवा हुनेछस् ।” कयिनले परमेश्वरलाई भने, “मैले सहनै नसक्ने दण्ड मलाई भयो । म पृथ्वीमा विना चैनको डुलुवा हुनेछु र मलाई फेला पार्ने जो सुकैले पनि मलाई मार्नेछ ।” तर परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “त्यसो होइन, जसले कयिनलाई मार्छ, त्यससित सात गुणा बदला लिईनेछ ।” अनि कयिनलाई कसैले पनि नमारोस भनी परमेश्वरले एउटा चिन्ह राखी दिनुभयो । तब कयिन परमप्रभुको उपस्थितबाट निस्केर अर्को ठाउँमा बसोबास गर्न थाले ।

4. Man Starts To Kill Man

Genesis 4:1-16, Hebrew 11:4, 1 John 3:12

After Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden, Eve became pregnant and gave a birth to a boy and they named him Cain. And again Eve gave birth to another child and they named him Abel. Cain became a farmer working in the fields and Abel became a shepherd.

One day Cain, thinking evil thoughts, brought part of his produce as an offering to the Lord and his younger brother Abel offered the best firstborn lamb of his flock to Lord. God accepted Abel and his offering but didn't accept Cain and his offering.

So Cain became angry and his face darkened and he considered killing his brother. God asked, “Oh Cain, why is your face dark? If you do well, will you not have honor? But if you do wrong, sin is waiting at the door, desiring to have you, but you must master it.”

Cain said to his brother, “Come. Let us go into the field.” In the field, Cain attacked and killed his brother.

Then God asked, “Oh Cain, where is your brother?” And he said, “I don't know. What, am I my brother's keeper?” God said, “What have you done? Your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. You are cursed from the earth whose mouth opened to take your brother's blood from your hand. No longer will the earth give you her fruit. You will be a fugitive wandering over the earth.”

Cain said to God, “My punishment is more than I can handle. I will be a fugitive fleeing over the earth and whoever finds me will put me to death.” But God said, “It won't be like that. If Cain is put to death, seven times more revenge will be taken.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one would kill him. So Cain went from God's presence, and started living in another place.

५. नोआ र जलप्रलय

उत्पत्ति ६,७,८,९:१-१७,२ पत्रुस २:५

आदम र हब्बाको सन्तान फल्दै फुल्दै वृद्धि हुदै गए । पृथ्वीमा जति मानिसको संख्या बढदै गयो त्यतिनै मानिसहरुले परमेश्वरलाई मन नपर्ने काम गर्न थाले र मानिसहरु मन, वचन र कर्ममा भ्रष्ट हुदै गए । यो देखेर परमेश्वर दुखित हुनुभयो र भन्नुभयो, “मैले सृष्टी गरेको मानिसलाई पृथ्वीबाट म मेटिदिनेछु के मानिस, के घैस्रने जन्तु, के आकाशका पन्छी, सबैलाई किनभने ती बनाएकोमा मलाई दुःख लागेको छ । तर त्यस पुस्तामा नोआलाई धर्मी र निर्दोष भेट्टाउनुभयो र उसमाथि अनुग्रह गर्नुभयो र भन्नुभयो, “मैले तेरो परिवार बाहेक पृथ्वीका सबै मानिसहरुलाई नष्ट गर्ने निर्णय गरेको छु, तैले ठूलो जहाज बनाउनु र तेरो परिवारलाई र सबै जीवीत प्राणीका एक-एक जोडी भाले-पोथी जहाज भित्र ल्याउनु ।” र नोआले जहाज बनाउन शुरु गरे साथै मानिसहरुलाई आफ्नो पापबाट फर्किन र पश्चताप गर्नको निम्ति आउन लागेको न्यायको बारेमा प्रचार गर्दै रहे तर कसैले उनको कुरा सुनेनन् । जब जहाज बनाई सिध्याए तब नोआले परमेश्वरले भने अनुसार सबै प्राणीका एक-एक जोडी भाले पोथी र उसको परिवारलाई जहाज भित्र ल्याए । त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले ४० दिन ४० रातसम्म मुसलधारे पानी पार्नुभयो जसले गर्दा पृथ्वीका सबै भन्दा अग्ला ठाउँहरु पनि डुबे । नोआको जहाजभित्र भएका प्राणी बाहेक सबै मानिस जीव जन्तु र प्राणीहरु जल प्रलयमा परे र मरे । १५० दिन सम्म पनि पानीको सतह घटेन र परमेश्वरले नोआको परिवारलाई सम्झ बतास चलाईदिनुभयो । जसको कारण पानीको सतह घट्न थाल्यो र जमिन देखा पयो । केहि समय पछि परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “नोआ तिम्रो परिवार र सबै प्राणीहरुलाई जहाजबाट बाहिर ल्याउ” र नोआले त्यसै गरे, र नोआले पशुको बलि चढाएर परमेश्वरलाई धन्यवाद दिए । परमेश्वरले त्यो ग्रहण गर्नुभयो र उसको आज्ञाकारीतामा खुसी हुनुभयो । अनि फेरि परमेश्वरले नोआलाई भन्नुभयो “पशु प्राणीलाई आहारको निम्ति वनस्पती दिए भै तिमीहरुलाई आहारको निम्ति हरेक जीव-जीवात दिनेछु तर जब तिमीहरु आहारको निम्ति कुनै पशु माछौं त्यसको रगत चाहिँ नखानु ।” त्यसपछि सबै प्राणीलाई “फल्दै फुल्दै वृद्धि भएर पृथ्वीमा भरिदै जानु भनी” आशिष दिनुभयो र फेरि कहिल्यै पनि यस्तो जलप्रलयद्वारा नष्ट नगर्ने प्रतिज्ञा गरि त्यसको चिन्हको स्वरुप ईण्ड्रेणी हुनेछ भनी भन्नुभयो । त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले आशिष दिए अनुसार नोआको सन्तान पृथ्वीभरि फैलिदै गए ।

5. God Judges Evil By Flood

Genesis 6-8; 9:1-17; 2 Peter 2:5

Adam and Eve's descendents were fruitful and multiplied. The number of people on the earth grew and they started doing things God didn't like. And man's thoughts, words and deeds became evil. Seeing this, God was grieved and He said, "I will destroy man whom I created as well as the animals that graze and fly in the sky - all of them - because I am sorry that I made them."

But God saw among that generation a man named Noah who was righteous and without blame. And He had mercy on him and said, "I have decided to destroy all mankind except your family. Build a huge vessel, bring your family and a male and female of each kind of creature inside."

And as Noah started building the vessel, he kept preaching to all the people around about the coming judgment, that they should repent and turn from their sin toward righteousness. But nobody listened to him. When Noah finished building the vessel, He did according to what God said and brought his family inside and a male and female of each animal. After that, God poured a torrential rain for 40 days and nights until the highest points of the world were covered. Every living creature but those inside Noah's vessel drowned and died in the flood.

The level of water did not decrease for 150 days and God remembered Noah's family and started a wind blowing. Because of the wind, the level of the water started to go down and the land appeared. After some time Then God said, "Noah, take your family and all the living creatures out of the vessel," and Noah did that. And Noah sacrificed an animal to give thanks to God. God accepted that and was pleased with his obedience. And again God said to Noah, "As I have provided grass for the animals, so I am giving every animal as food for you. But when you kill them for food, do not eat their blood."

After that, God blessed all living creatures to "be fruitful and fill the earth." And promising never to again destroy through such a flood, He gave the rainbow as a sign.

After this, Noah's descendents started filling the whole earth, according to God's blessing.

६. विभिन्न भाषाहरूको सुरु

उत्पत्ति ११:१-९

पृथ्वीमा नोआको सन्तान फल्दै-फुल्दै वृद्धी हुदै गए । उनीहरू पृथ्वीको पूर्वतिर सदैजादा एक समतल मैदान भेट्टाए र त्यही बसोबास गर्न थाले । तिनीहरूको भाषा एउटै थियो । उनीहरूले एक आपसमा सल्लाह गरे, “लौ हामी आफ्नो निमित्त एउटा शहर र स्वर्ग सम्म पुग्ने एक घरहरा बनाऔं, अनि आफ्नो नाउ राखौं र हामी पृथ्वी भरि नछरीऔं ।” त्यसपछि उनीहरूले काम सुरु गर्न थाले । जब परमेश्वरले उनीहरूको योजनालाई बुझ्नुभयो तब उनीहरूको भाषा खलबल पारि दिनुभयो र यसरी भाषा खलबल भएपछि उनीहरूले शहर र घरहरा बनाउने कामलाई अगाडि बढाउन सकेनन् । त्यसपछि परमेश्वरले मानिसहरूलाई पृथ्वीमा तितर बितर पार्नुभयो र तिनीहरू आ-आफ्नो भाषा र संस्कृतीमा फल्दै फुल्दै वृद्धी हुदै पृथ्वीमा छरिदै गए । यसरी विभिन्न भाषाहरूको सुरु भयो ।

७. अब्राहामको बोलावट र प्रतिज्ञा

उत्पत्ति १२:१-५, १५:१-६, १३-१४

समय बित्दै जादाँ जब मानिसहरू आ-आफ्नो भाषा र संस्कृतीमा फल्दै फुल्दै वृद्धी हुदै गए तब उनीहरूमा पाप र दुष्टता बढदै गयो र यो दुष्ट पुस्तामा फेरि परमेश्वरले एकजना अब्राहाम भन्ने व्यक्तिलाई चुन्नुभयो । उनी आफ्नो परिवारसँग बस्दथे । उनको श्रीमतीको नाम सारा थियो र उनी बाभी थिईन र परमेश्वरले अब्राहमलाई भन्नुभयो, “तेरो देश र तेरा कुटुम्ब तथा तेरो पिताको घरबाट निस्केर जुन देश म तलाई देखाउँछु त्यहाँ जाँ र म तँ बाट एउटा ठूलो जाती खडा गर्नेछु र तलाई आशिष दिनेछु । म तेरो नाउँ प्रसिद्ध गराउनेछु त आशिषको मूल हुनेछस, तलाई आशिष दिनेलाई म आशिष दिनेछु, सराप दिनेलाई सराप दिनेछु, तँ द्वारा पृथ्वीका सबै कुलले आशिष पाउने छन् । परमेश्वरको आज्ञा पाउने बित्तिकै अब्राहाम आफ्नो ठाउँ र नातागोता छोडेर आफ्नो परिवार लिई हिडे । केहि समय पछि फेरि परमेश्वरले अब्राहमलाई भन्नुभयो, “अब्राहाम तँ नडरा तेरो ढाल म नै हुँ र तेरो इनाम अत्यन्त ठूलो हुनेछ । तर अब्राहमले भने, “हे परमेश्वर तपाईंले मलाई के नै दिनुभएको छ र ? किनभने अहसम्म मेरो एउटा पनि सन्तान छैन र अब मेरो सम्पत्तीको हकदार अरु कोहीनै हुनेछ ।” परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “तेरो आफ्नै छोरो तेरो सम्पत्तिको हकदार हुनेछ ।” अनि तिनलाई बाहिर लगेर भन्नुभयो, “आकाश तिर हेरर तारा गन्न सक्छस कि सक्दैनस ? म तेरो सन्तानहरू आकाशका तारा जत्तिनै बनाउनेछु तर तेरो सन्तान ४०० वर्ष सम्म अरु देशको थिचोमिचोमा पर्नेछन् । तिनीहरू जुन जातीको दास बन्नेछन उनीहरूको पनि म ईन्साफ गर्नेछु र पछिबाट तिनीहरू धेरै सम्पत्ति लिएर निस्की आउनेछन।” अब्राहमले परमेश्वरमाथि विश्वास गरे र धर्मी ठहरिए । यसरी परमेश्वरले अब्राहमलाई बोलाउनुभयो र प्रतिज्ञा दिनुभयो ।

6. God Divides Many Languages

Genesis 11:1-9

Noah's descendents were fruitful and increased on the earth. When they were wandering from the east, they came to a stretch of flatland and there started their dwelling place. Their language was one. They advised one another, “Come, let's build ourselves a city and a tower that reaches heaven. Let's make ourselves famous and not be scattered across the Earth.” Then they started working. When God understood their plan, He confused their language and in this way after their language was confused; they couldn't continue their work building the city and tower. After that God scattered people all over the earth and the people multiplied and increased throughout the earth with their own languages and cultures. In this way many different languages started.

7. Abraham's Call and Promise

Genesis 12:1-5, 15:1-6, 13-14

After some time when people increased with their own languages and cultures, they grew in sin and wicked ways. Among that evil generation, God chose one man named Abraham. He lived with his own family. Abraham's wife's name was Sara and she was barren. God said to Abraham, "Leave your country and your people and your father's house and go to the land I show you. From you I will raise a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name famous and you'll be a source of blessing. I'll bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you." As soon as Abraham got God's command, he took his family and left his place and relatives. After some time, God again said to Abraham, “Abraham, don't be afraid. I am your shield and your reward will be exceedingly great.” But Abraham said, “God what have you given me up 'til now because I have no child and now will another be heir of my property?” God said, “Your own son will be the heir of your property.” And God took Abraham outside and said, “Look at the sky. Can you count the stars or not? I will make your descendents like the stars in the sky, but your descendents will be in another country's suppression for 400 years. I will judge those who suppress them and after that they will come out, taking many riches from there.” Abraham believed God and was considered righteous. In this way, God called Abraham and gave him a promise.

द. अब्राहमको विश्वासको जाँच

उत्पत्ति २२:१-१९

अब्राहम र उनकी श्रीमती सारा धेरै वृद्ध हुँदासम्म पनि उनीहरूको कुनै सन्तान थिएन । तर अचम्मको कुरा परमेश्वरले उनीहरूको वृद्ध अवस्थामा उनीहरूलाई छोरा दिनुभयो । उसको नाम इसहाक राखे । उनीहरू छोरोलाई अति माया गर्थे । परमेश्वरले अब्राहमको विश्वासको जाँच गर्नुभयो र भन्नुभयो “हे अब्राहम ! तैले माया गरेको एउटै छोरो इसहाकलाई लिई मैले देखाएको डाँडामा त्यसलाई बली गर ।” परमेश्वरबाट यो आज्ञा पाए पछि अब्राहम बिहानै उठेर गधामा काठी कसी आफ्ना नोकरहरू मध्य दुईजना नोकर तथा होमबलीको निम्ति आवश्यक चिजहरू र आफ्नो एउटै छोरो इसहाकलाई साथमा लिई परमेश्वरले भन्नुभएको ठाउँतिर हिंडे । हिंड्दै जाँदा तेस्रो दिनको बिहानमा बल्ल त्यस ठाउँ देखे, अब्राहमले आफ्ना नोकरहरूलाई भने, “तिमीहरू यहीं गधा हेरेर बस, म र छोराचाहिँ परसम्म गई पूजा गरी फर्केर आउनेछौं ।” त्यसपछि छोरा इसहाकलाई होमबलीको निम्ति चाहिने दाउरा बोकाएर आफ्नो हातमा छुरी र आगो लिई हिंडे । सँगसँगै जाँदै गर्दा बाटोमा इसहाकले सोधे “बुबा आगो र दाउरा त छन्, तर होमबलीको निम्ति थुमाचाहिँ खै त?” अब्राहमले भने “छोरा परमेश्वरलेनै होमबलीको निम्ति थुमा जुटाइदिनुहुन्छ ।” केही बेरपछि उनीहरू परमेश्वरले भनेको डाँडामा पुगे र एउटा बेदी बनाएर दाउरा तह लगाएर राखे । त्यसपछि आफ्ना छोरा इसहाकलाई पनि बाँधेर बेदीमा दाउरामाथि राखे । त्यसपछि अब्राहमले आफ्नो छोरोलाई बली गर्न छुरी उठाए तर स्वर्गदुतले अब्राहमलाई हपारेर भने “ए अब्राहम, अब्राहम ! तेरो हात त्यस केटामाथि नउठा । त्यसलाई केही नगर । अब मैले थाहा पाएँ तँ परमेश्वरसँग डराउँदो रहेछस् । किनकि तेरो एकमात्र छोरोपनि मबाट रोकिनस् ।” अब्राहमले माथि फाडीतिर हेर्दा त एउटा भेडा सिंग अल्फेरे बसिरहेको देखे र उनले त्यही भेडालाई ल्याए र आफ्नो छोरा इसहाकको सट्टामा होमबली गरे । त्यस ठाउँको नाम “परमप्रभुले जुटाउनुहुन्छ” भनी राखे । त्यसपछि फेरि परमप्रभुले स्वर्गदुत मार्फत भन्नुभयो, “मैले आफ्नो नाउँमा शपथ खाएर भन्छु कि तैले मेरो आज्ञा मानेर तेरो एउटै छोरोलाई पनि मबाट नरोकेकोले म निश्चय तँलाई आशिष दिनेछु र तेरो सन्तानको वृद्धि गरेर आकाशका तारा र समुद्रको किनारको बालुवा सरह म तुल्याउँनेछु । तेरा सन्तानद्वारा पृथ्वीको सबै जातिहरू आशिर्वादी हुनेछन्, किनकी तैले मेरो आज्ञा पालन गरिस् ।” स्वर्गदुतको आवाज सुनिसकेपछि अब्राहम त्यहाँबाट फर्किए । यसरी परमेश्वरले अब्राहमको विश्वासको जाँच गर्नुभयो ।

8. God Tests Abraham's Faith

Genesis 22:1-19

Although Abraham and his wife Sara were very old, they had no child. But God miraculously gave them a son in their old age. They named their son, Isaac. They loved their son very much.

One day God tested Abraham's and said, “Hey, Abraham! Take your dearly-loved only son Isaac, and go give him as an offering on the mountain I show you.” Right after Abraham got God's command, he silently rose early in the morning with his son, Isaac, and took his two servants, a donkey, and the things needed for an offering and went to the place God told him. After walking for three days and in the morning finally seeing the place, Abraham told his servants, “Stay here and take care of the donkey. I and my son will go farther and we will return after worshipping.” Then Abraham went with fire and a knife in his hand for sacrificing his son while Isaac carried the firewood. While they were walking together, Isaac asked, “Father, we have fire and wood but where is the lamb for the offering?” Abraham said, “Son, God Himself will give the lamb for the burned offering.”

After some time, they reached the mountain God told them and making the altar, piled the wood in place on top. Then also tying up his own son, Isaac, he put him on the firewood on the altar. Only after Abraham raised the knife to kill his son, suddenly an angel called Abraham from afar and said, “Oh Abraham, Abraham! Don't stretch out your hand against the boy to do anything to him. Now I am certain that the fear of God is in your heart, because you have not kept back your son, your only son, from me.”

Abraham saw a sheep caught by its horns in the brushwood and he took the sheep and made a burned offering of it in place of his son, Isaac. And he named that place “God provides.” Again God spoke to Abraham through the angel, “I have taken an oath by my name that because you obeyed me and did not hold back from me your only son, I will certainly bless you and make your offspring increase like the stars of the sky and the sand of the seaside. Through your offspring, all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you obeyed my word.”

After hearing the voice of God's angel, Abraham returned to his servants and went with them.

In this way God tested the faith of Abraham.

९. इस्राएलीहरु मिश्र देशमा

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इसहाकका छोरा याकुब थिए उनलाई इस्राएल पनि भनिन्थ्यो । उनका बाह्रभाई छोराहरु थिए । ती बाह्र भाई छोराहरु मध्येमा योसेफ एघारौं छोरा थिए जसलाई याकुबले अतिनै माया गर्दथे र राम्रो बुढा भएको लुगा किनिदिएका थिए । तिनका बुबाले अरु दाजुभाईहरुलाई भन्दा योसेफलाई बढी माया गरेको देखी तिनीहरुले योसेफसँग दुश्मनी राखी राम्रोसँग बोल्दैनथे । योसेफले एउटा सपना देखे, र आफ्ना दाजुहरुलाई बताए । त्यो सपनाको अर्थ सबै दाजुहरुले उनलाई दण्डवत गर्नु पर्ने थियो । त्यसैले दाजुहरु भुन बढी उ सगँ रिसाए । एक दिन योसेफ खेतमा गएको समयमा उनका दाजुहरुले उनलाई बिदेशी व्यापारीहरुको हातमा बेचिदिए र उनको कपडामा पशुको रगत लगाई बुबाकहाँ लगी योसेफलाई जंगली जनावरले मारेछ भनी रगत लागेको कपडा बुबालाई देखाए । त्यो कुरा थाहा पाएर याकुबले बिलाप गरे । तर योसेफलाई व्यापारीहरुले मिश्र देशको राजाको एक जना अधिकृतको हातमा बेचिदिए । परमप्रभु योसेफको साथमा हुनुहुन्थ्यो । त्यसकारण योसेफ बसेको घरको सबै कुराहरुमा आशिष आयो र उनको विश्वास देखेरे मालिकले उनलाई घरको सम्पूर्ण कुराहरुको जिम्मेवारी दिए । तर मालिकनीले भुटो दोष लगाई जेलमा थुनाईन । जेल भित्र रहदा पनि परमप्रभु तिनको साथमा हुनुहुन्थ्यो । जेलमा सबै कैदीहरु उनको जिम्मामा रहे । कैदीहरु मध्य दुई जना राजाका कामदारहरु पनि कैदमा परेका थिए र योसेफले तिनीहरुको सपनाको अर्थ खोलिदिए । केहि समय पछि राजाले पनि एउटा सपना देखे र योसेफले सपनाको अर्थ खोल्न सक्छ भन्ने सुनेर उनलाई राजदरवारमा बोलाए । योसेफलाई राजाले आफ्नो सपना बताए र परमेश्वरले उनलाई राजाको सपनाको अर्थ खोल्ने ज्ञान दिनुभएकोले उनले सपनाको अर्थ खोले सपनाको अर्थ “आउने सात वर्ष सहकाल र सात वर्ष अनिकाल” थियो । राजाले यो मानिससगँ परमेश्वरको आत्मा छ भनी मिश्र देशमाथि अधिकार दिए । सात वर्ष सहकालमा योसेफले अन्न थुपारेर ठूलो भण्डारमा राखे । सहकालको अन्त्य भयो र सबै देशमा अनिकाल सुरु भयो । तर मिश्रमा मात्र खानेकुराको भण्डार थियो । अनिकालको बेला याकुबले अन्न किन्नको लागि आफ्ना दश जना छोराहरुलाई मिश्रमा पठाए । मिश्रमा पुगेर दाजुहरुले योसेफलाई दण्डवत गरे । योसेफले आफ्ना दाजुहरुलाई आफू भाई भएको कुरा बताए । यो थाहा पाएर उनीहरु डराए तर योसेफले भने, “यो सबै परमेश्वरको योजना हो, गएर मेरो बाबुको परिवारलाई यहाँ लिएर आओ ।” यसरी याकुबका सबै परिवार मिश्र देशमा आएर बस्न थाले ।

9. God's People in Egypt

Genesis 37, 39-46

Isaac's son, Jacob who was also called Israel, had twelve sons. Joseph was the eleventh son whom Jacob loved so much that he had made a colourful coat for him. Seeing that their father loved Joseph more than them, Joseph's brothers were jealous and spoke to him in spiteful ways. Joseph had a dream and told it to his brothers. In the dream's meaning, his brothers bowed before him. That made them even more angry at him. One day when Joseph had gone out in the fields, the brothers sold Joseph to foreign businessman and put his clothes in the blood of animal and brought it to their father. They showed their father the blood-covered cloth to demonstrate that Joseph had been killed by wild animals. Hearing this news, Jacob mourned for his son. But Joseph was sold by the businessman into the hand of a royal officer of Egypt. God was with Joseph so blessing came upon the family where Joseph was living. Seeing his faith, the master gave him responsibility over all things of the house. But the master's wife falsely accused him and had him put into prison.

Although Joseph was in prison, God was with him. He was given responsibility of all the prisoners in the jail. Two of the king's servants were also in prison and Joseph interpreted their dreams. After some time, the king also had a dream and hearing that Joseph could tell the meaning of dreams, called him to the palace. The king told Joseph his dream and because God gave Joseph the meaning of the king's dream he said the dream meant "There will be seven years of plenty and seven years of hunger." Seeing that this man had the Spirit of God, the king gave him authority over the land of Egypt. During the seven years of plenty, being the authorized person, Joseph stored up extra food. He stored great amounts of food in a big warehouse. When the time of the plenty ended, a famine started in all the countries. But only in Egypt was food stored. In the famine time, Jacob sent his ten sons to the land of Egypt to buy some food. When they got there, Joseph's brothers bowed down to him. Joseph told his brothers that he was their younger brother. When they heard this, they were terrified but Joseph said, "This all is God's plan. Go and bring father and all the family here."

In this way all the family of Jacob came to Egypt and started living there.

१०. मोशाको जन्म र बोलावट

प्रस्थान १:४:१-१७

याकुबका सन्तानहरु मिश्र देशमा धेरै वर्ष सम्म आन्नदसगं बस्न थाले । याकुब, योसेफ साथै त्यस पुस्ताका सबै जना मरे । तर इस्राएलीहरुको संख्या बढेर सारा देशनै भरियो । त्यसै समयमा योसेफलाई नचिन्ने राजाले राज्य गर्न थाले । उनले इस्राएलीहरुको संख्या बढेको देखेर आफ्नो प्रजालाई भने यसरी नै इस्राएलीहरुको संख्या बढेर गयो भने यिनीहरुले हाम्रो विरुद्धमा लडाईं गरेर यहाँबाट जानेछन् । त्यसैकारण तिनीहरुलाई सताउनलाई कठिन काम दिए तर पनि उनीहरुको संख्या भन भन बढ्दै गयो । तब राजाले हिब्रु सुँडेनीहरुलाई आज्ञा दिए की इस्राएलीहरुको सन्तान जन्माउदा छोरा रहेछ भने मारिहाल्नु तर छोरी रहेछ भने जीवित राख्नु भने तर तिनीहरु परमेश्वरको डरमा रहेकोले त्यसो गरेनन् । त्यसपछि राजाले प्रजाहरुलाई यस्तो आज्ञा दिए, “अब हिब्रुहरुका जति छोराहरु जन्मिनछन् तिनीहरुलाई नदीमा लगेर फालिदिनु तर छोरीहरुलाई जीवितै राख्नु ।” त्यही समयमा पुजाहारी कुलबाट एउटा सुन्दर बालकको जन्म भयो । उसलाई उसकी आमाले ३ महिना सम्म लुकाईराखिन तर अझ लुकाउन सकिनन्, त्यसैले त्यो बालकलाई टाँकरीमा हालेर नदीमा बगाइ दिइन् । यसै समयमा राजाको छोरी नदीमा नुहाउन गएको बेला बालकलाई भेट्दा घरमा ल्याइन् र त्यस बालकको नाम मोशा राखिन् । मोशा राज दरवारमा हुर्के । एक दिन एउटा मिश्रीले हिब्रुलाई हिकोई रहेको देखे अनि मोसाले त्यस मिश्रीलाई मारिदिए । यो कुरा राजाले थाहा पाउलान भनेर मोशा अर्कै देशमा भागेर गई । त्यही देशमा बस्ने एक जना मानिसको छोरीसगं विवाह गरेर उनकै भेडा चराउन थाले । धेरै समय पछि मिश्रका राजा मरे र इस्राएलीहरुले कठिन अवस्थाबाट परमेश्वरलाई पुकारा गरे । परमेश्वरले अब्राहमसगं गरेको प्रतिज्ञा सम्झी तिनीहरु माथि नजर राख्नुभयो । एक दिन मोसाले आफ्ना ससुराका भेडा चराउन, परमेश्वरको पर्वत सम्म लगे । त्यहाँ एउटा जलिरहेको पोथ्रामा परमेश्वरको दूत देखा पर्नुभयो । मोसाले त्यो जलिरहेको पोथ्रालाई हेरिरहेका थिए, जलि रहेको तर भष्म नभएको देखेर नजिकैबाट हेर्नजाँदा परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो “तेरो जुत्ता फुकाल किनकी तँ उभिएको भूमि पवित्र छ । हेर इस्राएलीहरुको प्रार्थना मैले सुनेको छु तिनीहरु माथिको अत्याचार मैले देखेको छु त्यसैले तिनीहरुलाई दासत्वबाट छुटाएर दुध र मह बग्ने देशमा लैजानलाई म तलाई राजा कहाँ पठाउदैछु ।” मोसाले जवाफ दिए, “त्यही गएर यति ठुलो काम गर्ने म को हु र ?” अनि फेरि परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “म तँ सित हुनेछु र मैले तलाई पठाएको छु , तलाई चिन्ह चाहिँ यो हुनेछ कि मिश्रबाट निस्की आएर इस्राएलीहरु यही पर्वतमा आरधना गर्नेछन् ।” परमेश्वरले पठाउनुभएको हो भन्नु तेरो कुराहरु धर्म गुरुहरुले सुन्नेछन् र तिमीहरु राजा कहाँ जानेछौ र तिमीहरुले राजालाई बिन्ती गर्नु “हाम्रा मानिसहरुलाई उजाड स्थानमा तीन दिनको बाटो भएर हाम्रा परमेश्वरलाई बलि चढाउन जान दिनुहोस” तर राजाले जान दिनेछैन । त्यति बेला म तिमीद्वारा मेरा आशचार्य कामहरु प्रकट गराउनेछु । त्यसपछि उनले तिमीहरुलाई जान दिनेछन् । तर तिमीहरु रितो हात जाने छैनौ । तिनीहरुको धेरै धन सम्पति लिएर जानेछौ ।” मोसाले भने, “तिनीहरुले पत्याएनन् भने के गर्ने ? । अनि परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “तेरो हातमा भएको लट्टी फाल !” मोसाले फाले र तुरुन्तै सर्प बन्यो अनि मोशा डराएर भागे तब परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “त्यसको पुच्छरमा समात ।” उनले समाते र फेरि लठ्ठी नै बन्यो । अनि मोसाले भने, “प्रभु म त बोलै जान्दिन । बरु अरुलाईनै पठाउनुहोस ।” फेरी परमेश्वरले

10. Moses Birth and Calling

Exodus 1, 4:1-17

Jacob's descendants started living many years in Egypt with joy. Jacob, Joseph and that generation all died but the number of Israelites grew and filled all the land. Another King who didn't know Joseph started ruling. Seeing that the Israelites were increasing in Egypt, he said to his subjects, "If these Israelites keep increasing, they will rise and rebel against us." So they gave the Israelites hard work to make them suffer. But the Israelites' population kept increasing. Then the King ordered the Hebrew midwives to kill the sons of the Israelites at birth but allow the girls to live. But these women feared God and didn't obey the king's order. Again the king ordered to his subjects to throw in the river any sons born to the Israelites but leave the girls alive. At that time, a beautiful child was born to the priestly tribe. His mother hid him for three months but couldn't hide him any longer. So she wrapped the baby and placed him in a basket to float on the river. At that time the king's daughter was in the river to take a bath and finding the baby boy, brought him home and named him Moses. Moses grew up in the palace. One day Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew and Moses went and killed him. Thinking the king may hear about this, Moses escaped to another country. Settling there, he married a man's daughter and started looking after his sheep. After many years, the king of Egypt died and the Israelites cried to God for deliverance from their hardships. Remembering his promise to Abraham, God turned His attention toward them. One day as Moses took his father-in-law's sheep to graze, he reached God's mountain. There in a burning bush, an angel appeared. Moses came close to see this bush that was burning but not incinerating and God said, "Take off your shoes because the ground where you are standing is holy. Look, I have heard the prayers of the Israelites and have seen their suffering. I will deliver them from slavery and take them to the country of milk and honey and am sending you to the king." Moses answered, "Who am I to go do this great thing?" Again God spoke, "I have sent you and will be with you. This is the sign that these things will be: when the Israelites have left Egypt, they will come to this mountain and worship. Tell them that God has sent you. The religious leaders will hear you and you will go to the king and request 'Let our people go three days out to the desert to give offerings to our God.' But the king will not let you go. At that time, I will do miraculous things through you and he will let you go. But you will not go with empty hands. You will take many of their possessions and go." Moses said, "What do I do if they don't believe?" Then God said, "Throw the stick in your hand on the ground!" Moses threw it and instantly the stick became a snake and Moses got afraid and ran. Then God said, "Catch it by the tail!" Moses caught it and it turned back into a stick. Moses said to God, "God I can't speak well so please send another." God said to Moses, "I will send

भन्नुभयो, “तेरो दाजु हारुनलाई तँसँग पठाउनेछु दुबै जना जानु र तेरो लठ्ठी पनि साथमा लानु जसद्वारा तैले आश्चर्य कामहरू गर्नेछस ।” यसरी परमेश्वरले इस्राएलीहरूलाई छुटकारा दिन मोशालाई बोलाउनुभयो ।

your brother Aaron with you. Also take your stick with which you will do wonderful things." In this way God called Moses' to deliver the Israelites out.

११. मिश्र देशको विपत्ती र छुटकारा

प्रस्थान ५-१५ अध्याय

परमेश्वरको आज्ञा अनुसार मोशा र हारुन राजा कहाँ गएर भने, परमप्रभु यसो भन्नुहुन्छ, “उजाड स्थानमा मेरो निमित्त चाड मनाउन मेरो प्रजालाई जान दे ।” राजाले भने, “परमप्रभु को हो म चिनदिन र म तिमीहरूलाई जान पनि दिन्ना” अनि धेरै पटक विन्ति गर्दा पनि राजाले जान दिएनन् तर इस्राएलीहरूलाई भन कठिन काम लगाएर सताउन थाले । तब मोशाले परमप्रभु कहाँ गई भने “म राजा कहाँ गए देखि भन मेरा मानिसहरूले अत्यचार सहनु परेको छ । के त्यसैको लागि मलाई पठाउनु भएको हो ?” परमप्रभुले मोशालाई भन्नुभयो, “इस्राएलीहरूलाई गएर भन, “म तिमीहरूलाई छुटकारा दिनेछु र मैले अब्राहमसँग प्रतिज्ञा गरेको भूमिमा राख्नेछु । तिमीहरू मेरा प्रजा हुनेछौ म तिमीहरूका राजा हुनेछु । राजाको सामु जानु र उसले आश्चर्य काम देखा भन्दा तैले हारुनलाई आफूसँग भएको लट्ठी फाल्न लगाउनु” यसरीनै राजाको अगाडि हारुनले लट्ठी फाले र त्यो सर्प भयो । त्यहाँ राजाको जादुगरहरू थिए । उनीहरूले पनि लट्ठी फाले सर्प भयो तर हारुनको सर्पले ति सर्पहरूलाई खाईदियो । त्यो देखेर पनि उसको हृदय कठोर नै भयो र तिनीहरूलाई जान दिएनन् । भोली पल्ट परमेश्वरले सबै पानीलाई रगतमा परिणत गर्नुभयो तर पनि राजाले जान दिएनन् । केहि दिन पछि मिश्र देश भरि भ्यागुता नै भ्यागुता भयो । यसरीनै परमेश्वरले मोशा र हारुनद्वारा मिश्र देशमा धेरै नै विपत्तीहरू ल्याउनुभयो तर पनि राजाले इस्राएलीहरूलाई जान दिएनन् । तब परमेश्वरले मोशालाई भन्नुभयो, “अझै म एउटा अन्तिम विपत्ति ल्याउनेछु । तब मात्र राजाले तिमीहरूलाई जानदिने छ । अब मानिसहरूलाई भन् कि म मध्य रात तिर मिश्रको वीचबाट भएर जानेछु , मिश्रमा भएको प्रत्येक जेठो छोरा मर्नेछ, र सिहाँसनमा बस्ने राजा देखि लिएर सबै मानिस र पशुहरूको पनि प्रत्येक जेठो सबै मारिनेछन । सारा मिश्रभरि कहिल्यै नसुनिएको रुवावासी सुनिनेछ । तर इस्राएलीहरूलाई यो भन्नु, हरेक घरमा एकएक ओटा पाठो मारेर त्यसको रगत ढोकाको चौकोसमा लगाउनु र मासु पोलेर पटुका कसेर खुट्टामा जुत्ता लाएर हातमा लहुरो लिई हतार हतार गरि खानु यो नै परमप्रभुको छुटकाराको चाड हो । त्यस रात म मिश्र भएर जानेछु र जसको ढोकाको चौकोसमा रगत देख्छु त्यस घरमा बाहेक अरु घरमा जन्मिएका हरेक जेठो छोरालाई मर्ने छु । त्यहाँ रुवावासी हुनेछ, र तिमीहरू चाहिँ निस्केरजानु ।” परमेश्वरले आज्ञा गरे बमोजिम इस्राएलीहरूले गरे र मध्य रातमा परमेश्वरले मिश्रमा भएका सबै घरमा जन्मिएका जेठो छोराहरूलाई मर्नुभयो र सबै ठाउँमा रुवावासी भयो। रातीनै राजाले इस्राएलीहरूलाई परमेश्वरको आरधना गर्न

11. Plagues in Egypt & Deliverance

Exodus 5-15

According to the command of God, Moses and Aaron went to the king and said, "God said, 'Let my people to go out to the unfertile land to celebrate a festival.'" The King replied, "I don't know who God is and I will not let you go." Even after requesting many times the King didn't let them out. Instead, he made the Israelites do more hard work and started to persecute them. Moses went to God and said, "Since the day I went to the king, my people are suffering more than before. Have you have sent me there for this?" God said to Moses, "Go to Israelites and tell them, 'I will deliver you and take you to the land which I have promised to Abraham. You will be my people and I will be your king.' Go to the king and when he tells you to do a miraculous thing, tell Aaron to throw down his hand stick." So in that way they threw their stick in front of the king and it turned into a snake. The king called his magicians and they also made snakes by their sticks but Aaron's snake killed the king's magician's snakes. When they saw this still their heart was obstinate and they didn't let the people out. The next day, God changed water into blood but still the king didn't let them out. After some days, there were frogs throughout the land of Egypt. In this way God being with Moses and Aaron sent many plagues but the king didn't let the Israelites go.

Then God said to Moses, "Now I will bring the final plagues. Then only will this King let you out. Tell your people that during the night, I will pass through Egypt and kill every firstborn male, both animals and humans. During the whole night a never heard weeping sound will be heard but tell Israelites that in every house they should kill an animal to eat, take the blood and spread it on the top and sides of the door where they're eating the meal. They should eat this meal quickly wearing their clothes, shoes and taking the stick in their hand. This festival will be known as the Passover festival. During that night I will pass through Egypt and kill every firstborn male, but I will pass over those houses that have blood on the door. No one will die there but you should leave from there."

As God commanded, the Israelites obeyed his word and in the middle of the night God passed through and killed every firstborn male, both animals and humans. All over Egypt there was loud wailing and mourning because someone died in every house. In the same night, the king allowed the Israelites to go out and worship God. They went taking all the property of the Egyptians. In this way when the king heard that the Israelis had gone out, he ordered his Egyptian soldiers to stop them. They tried chasing the Israelites to the edge of the sea. Moses stretched the stick in his hand

निस्केर जाने अनुमति दिए । मिश्रीहरुको धन-सम्पति लिएर तिनीहरु निस्केर गए । यसरी ईसायलीहरु निस्केर गए भन्ने कुरा राजाले सुनेपछि तिनीहरुलाई रोकनलाई मिश्री सेनाहरु पठाए ति सेनाहरुले ईसायलीहरुलाई लखाटेर लाल समुन्द्रको छेउमा पुऱ्याए अनि मोशाले हातको लठी समुन्द्रमा देखाए र पानी दुई भाग भयो, ईसायलीहरु बीचबाट भएर पारी गए। मिश्री सेनाहरु जब बीचमा आईपुगे मोशाले आफ्नो हातको लठी समुन्द्रमा देखाए तब समुन्द्रको पानी फर्कियो र तिनीहरु त्यही डुबेर नष्ट भए । यो देखेर ईसायलीहरु भुन परमेश्वरसँग डराएर र उहाँमा भरोसा गरी आरधना गरे । यसरी परमेश्वरले तिनीहरुलाई मिश्र देशको ४०० वर्षको बन्धनबाट छुटकारा दिनुभयो ।

toward the sea which cut into two parts. In this way, the Israelites went through the middle of the sea. When the Egyptians came the same way and reached the middle, Moses pointed his stick toward the water and it returned, drowning the soldiers to death. When the Israelites saw this they started trusting and obeying God and they worshipped Him. In this way, God delivered them from 400 years of slavery.

१२ दश आज्ञा र मुर्ति पुजा

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ईसायलीहरुले मिश्र देश छोडको केहि महिना पछि मात्र उनीहरु परमेश्वरको पर्वतमा पुगे र त्यहाँ पाल टाँगेर बस्न थाले । मोशालाई परमेश्वरले डाडाँमा लागि उहाँका मानिसहरुले उहाँलाई कसरी पुज्ने तथा उनीहरुले एक अर्कामा कस्तो व्यवहार देखाउने भन्ने सम्बन्धमा दश आज्ञा दिनुभयो जुन यस प्रकार थियो । मुर्ती नबनाउनु, उहाँको नाउ व्यर्थमा नलिनु, सातौँ दिन पवित्र मान्नु , आमा बाबुको आदर गर्नु , हत्या, चोरी व्यभिचार, लोभ नगर्नु र भुटो गवाही नदिनु , र परमेश्वरले सबै भन्दा महत्व पुर्ण कुरा यो भन्नुभयो, “म मात्र एक सत्य परमेश्वर हुँ जसले तिमीहरुलाई मिश्र देशको दासत्वबाट छुटकारा दिई यहाँ ल्याए त्यसकारण तिमीहरुले म बाहेक अरु कसैको सेवा र आरधना नगर्नु ।” मोशा पर्वतको फेदिमा गए र आफ्ना मानिसहरुलाई परमेश्वरले भनेको कुरा बताईदिए र उनीहरु यो कुरा सुनि उत्साहित हुँदै, “हामी परमेश्वरले भनेको सबै कुरा गर्नेछौँ भने । अर्को दिन बिहान मोशाले बेदि बनाइ एउटा पशु बलिदान गरे, र परमेश्वरले ईसायलीहरुको हेरचाह गर्ने र ईसायलीहरुले उहाँको आज्ञा पालन गर्ने चिन्ह यो रगत हो भनी सबै माथि रगत छर्किदिए । त्यसपछि मोशा डाडाँमा गए र चालिस दिन चालिस रात सम्म परमेश्वरसँग बसे । परमेश्वरले मोशालाई उहाँको आज्ञाको शिलालेख दिनुभयो । तर यता ईसायलीहरु चाहिँ मोशा नआएकोमा आश्चर्य मान्दै उसलाई जे पनि भएको हुनसक्छ भन्दै हारुनलाई भने, “हाम्रो निम्ति देवताहरु बनाउनुहोस जुन हामी सँग परिचित छ र जसलाई हामी सँगै लैजान सक्छौँ ।” अनि हारुनले तिनीहरुसँग भएको सबै सुन जम्मा गर्न लगाए र त्यसबाट एउटा बाछ्योको मुर्ती बनाए, ढोगे, बेदी बनाएर बलिहरु चढाए र भने, “हे ईसाएली हो तिमीहरुलाई मिश्रबाट छुटकारा दिएर ल्याउने देउताहरु यिनै हुन ।” परमेश्वरले यो सबै देखेर भन्नुभयो, “मोशा के तैले यो सब देखिसु ? के तिनीहरुलाई मेरो आज्ञाको केहि महत्व छैन? अब यिनीहरु सबैलाई म नष्ट गर्ने छु ।” मोशाले भने, “हे परमेश्वर! के तपाई पक्का यस्तो गर्नुहुन्छ? आजसम्म तपाई आफ्ना मानिसहरु प्रति अति असल हुनुभएको छ । तर यदि तिनीहरुलाई त्यसो भयो भने मिश्रीहरुले पर्वतमा मार्नको लागी लगेको रहेछ भन्दैनन र? अनि तपाईले अब्राहमसँग तेरो सन्तान आकासमा भएका तारा जत्तिकै हुनेछन भनेर प्रतिज्ञा दिनुभएको थियो होईन र?” यो सुने पछि परमेश्वरले

12. Ten Commandments and Idol Worship

Exodus 19:1-3; 20:1-17; 32:1-28

After the Israelites left Egypt and journeyed some months, they reached God's mountain, put up their tents and started living there. God took Moses to the mountain and gave him ten commands on how to worship God and how people should behave and relate to each other, and this is what they were: Don't make Idols. Do not abuse God's name. Keep the seventh day holy. Honor your father and mother. Don't kill, steal, violate marriage or give false witness. And the most important thing God said was, "I am the one true God who delivered you from the slavery of Egypt and brought you here so don't worship or serve anyone but Me."

Moses went to the foot of the mountain and told the people what God said and the people hearing it were excited saying, "We will do all that God said!" The next morning, Moses made an altar and sacrificed an animal as an offering to God. He took some of the blood and sprinkled it on the people saying, "This blood is a reminder that God promises to watch over the Israelites and we promise to obey God." Then Moses went to the mountain and for 40 days and nights stayed with God. God gave him stone tablets on which His laws were written. After a while when Moses had not returned and the people started wondering what happened to him, they told Aaron, "Make us a god, something familiar to us, something that we can carry along with us." And so Aaron gathered up all of their gold and worked it into the shape of a calf. Then the people bowed down to this golden calf. They set up an altar in front of it and gave sacrifices to it saying, "Look! This is our God who led us out of Egypt."

God saw all of this and said, "Moses, do you see this? Do my commands mean nothing to them? That's it! I'm going to destroy them. Moses said, "Oh God! Are you sure you want to do that? You've been so good to your people for so long. What would the Egyptians say? You took them out of Egypt just to kill them all in the mountains? And what about your promise to Abraham, that his descendants would be as many as the stars in the sky and they'd have this abundant land to live in forever?" Hearing this, God changed his mind.

आफ्नो विचार बदल्नुभयो । मोशा दश आज्ञाको शिला लेख लिएर तल ओर्ले । जब उनले सुनको बाछ्छोको मुर्ति वरी परि मानिसहरु नाचिरहेको देखे उनी साह्रै रिसाए र त्यस मुर्तिलाई नष्ट गरिदिए अनि हारुनलाई भने, “तिमीले कसरी यी सब हुन दियो? यो भन्दा दुष्ट काम अरु के हुन सक्छ ?” हारुनले जबाफ दिए, “ती मानिसहरुको कारणले गर्दा मैले यसो गरे ।” मोशाले वरपिरी हेरे र भईरहेको दुष्ट काम देखेर अब के गर्ने भन्ने कुरा थाहा गरि पालबाट बाहिर निस्केर यदि सत्य परमेश्वरलाई पछ्याउने कोहि छ भने बाहिर निस्किएर उहाँसँग उभिन अनुरोध गरे । तब एक पछि अर्को गरी मोशाको कुरामा स्वीकार गरी सहमत जनाए र अस्वीकार गर्ने तिन हजार जना मरे ।

Moses walked back down the mountain, carrying the stone tablets of God's laws. When he saw the people dancing around the golden calf, he became very angry! He destroyed the golden calf and got right in Aaron's face saying, "Aaron, how could you let this happen? Is there any worse evil you could let these people get into?" Aaron just gave excuses for his actions. So Moses took a step back and looked again at all the evil that was happening around him and he knew exactly what to do. He went out to the edge of the camp and yelled out for anyone who was still a true follower of God to come out and stand with him. One by one those who accepted Moses' words came out and joined him. And three thousand people who rejected Him were killed.

१३. दाउद र अनन्त राज्यको बारेमा प्रतिज्ञा

१ शामुएल १६:२३, १८:५-११, २ शामुएल ५:१-५, ७:१-११, १६:८-११

ईसायलीहरु लाल समुन्द्र तरी सकेपछि उनीहरु धेरै वर्षसम्म उजाड स्थानमा अलमलिई रहे । तर परमेश्वरले अब्राहाम सँग गर्नुभएको प्रतिज्ञालाई सम्भन्नुभयो । तिनीहरुलाई धेरै देशहरु माथि विजय गराउँदै प्रतिज्ञाको देशमा ल्याउनुभयो । जब तिनीहरु प्रतिज्ञाको देशमा आए तिनीहरुले परमेश्वरसँग राजाको माग गरे । उहाँले तिनीहरुलाई राजा दिनुभयो तर तिनले परमेश्वरलाई मन नपर्ने काम गरे त्यसैले उहाँले तिनलाई त्याग्नुभयो र नयाँ राजा चुन्ने निश्चय गर्नुभयो । तर पनि केहि वर्ष सम्म तिनी राजा भई नै रहे । परमेश्वरको कुरा मानिसहरुलाई बताई दिने शामुएल नाउँ गरेका एक जना मानिस थिए । उनलाई परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “राजाले थाहा नपाउने गरि बेथलेहममा जा र त्यहाँको एक जना मानिसका छोराहरु मध्य कुनै एकलाई राजा अभिषेक गर ।” शामुएल बेथलेहममा गए र परमेश्वरको निम्ति वलिदानको तयार गरे र ती मानिस र उनका छोराहरुलाई बोलाए । तिनका जेठा छोरालाई देखेर उनैलाई राजा अभिषेक गर्न खोजे तर परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “म मानिसले जस्तो बाहिरी कुरालाई हेर्दिन तर भित्री हृदयलाई हेर्दछु” यसरी क्रमसँग ती मानिसका सात जना छोराहरु त्यहाँ आए तर परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “मैले चुनेको व्यक्ति यिनीहरु होइनन् ।” अनि शामुएलले ति मानिसलाई सोधे, “के तिम्रो अर्को अर्को छोरा छ?” ती मानिसले भने, “कान्छो छोरा छ, तर अहिले उ भेडा चराउन गएको छ ।” शामुएलले भने, “त्यसलाई बोलाऊ ।” कान्छो छोरालाई त्यहाँ ल्याए, उनको नाम दाउद थियो । परमेश्वरले शामुएललाई भन्नुभयो, “यसलाई राजा अभिषेक गर” र उनले दाउदलाई राजा अभिषेक गरे, परमेश्वरको आत्मा दाउद माथि आउनुभयो र उनी शक्तिशाली भए । परमेश्वरको आत्माले पहिलो राजालाई त्याग्नुभयो । त्यसैले उनको जीवनमा धेरै दुखहरु आउन लाग्यो । त्यसैबेला उनको सल्लाहकारले दाउदले मिठो संगीत बजाउछन् त्यो सुन्दा तपाईंलाई शान्ति मिल्छ भने त्यसैले राजाले दाउदलाई बोलाए । दाउद राजासँगै बस्न थाले । अर्को देशसँग लडाई हुँदा दाउद पनि राजाको फौजसँग लड्न गए र धेरै शत्रुहरुलाई मारे त्यसकारण इस्राएलीहरुले दाउदको प्रसंसा गर्न थाले । यो देखेर राजाले दाउदको डाहा गरे र उनलाई मार्न खोजे तर १५ वर्ष सम्म दाउद राजा देखि भागेर हिँडे तर जब राजा मरे इस्राएलीहरुले दाउदलाई राजा बनाए र उनले आफ्नो दरवार यरुशलेममा बनाए । परमेश्वरले शामुएल जस्तै अर्को ब्यक्तिलाई दाउद कहाँ पठाउनु भयो र भन्नु भयो, “दाउद मैले तँलाई तँ सानो छँदा नै चुनेको छु । तँलाई सुरक्षा दिई तेरो शत्रुहरुलाई नाश गरेको छु । अब तेरो सन्तानको नाउ प्रशिद्ध गराउने छु । तेरो सन्तानले मेरो निम्ति मन्दिर बनाउने छ । तेरो सन्तानको राज्य सदा सर्वदाको निम्ति स्थिर रहनेछ ।” अनि दाउदले परमेश्वरलाई धन्यवादको प्रार्थना गरे । यसरी परमेश्वरले दाउदलाई

13. David and the Eternal Kingdom

1 Samuel 16:23; 18:5-11; 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 7:1-11, 16:8-11

After the Israelites crossed the red sea, they were confused living many years in the unfertile land. But God remembered His promise to Abraham and He gave them victory over many other nations and brought them to the promised land. When they arrived at the promised land they asked God to provide them a king and God gave them one. But that king did things God didn't like so God left him and determined to select a new king. But for some years the old king stayed as ruler. There was man named Samuel who told people the things of God. God said to him, "Go to Bethlehem without notifying the king. There among a man's sons anoint one of as king."

Samuel went to the Bethlehem and prepared an offering for God and invited that man and his sons. Seeing the oldest son, Samuel tried to anoint him as king but God said, "I don't look at man's outside but I look at his heart." In this way the man's seven sons came in order, standing before Samuel but God said, "None of these are my chosen one." And Samuel asked that man, "Do you have another son?" The man replied, "My youngest son has gone to field to graze the sheep." Samuel said, "Call him." They brought the youngest son and his name was David. God told Samuel, "Anoint this one as king." Samuel anointed David as king. The Spirit of God came on David and he became powerful.

God took His Spirit from the old king and from then on much suffering entered his life. Hearing from his counselors that if David were to play music for him he would get relief from his suffering, he called David to his palace. David started living with the king. When there was war with other countries, David also went with the King's troops and they won victories over their enemies. So the Israelites started praising David. When the King saw this, he was jealous and tried to kill David. For 15 years David hid from the eyes of the king and when the king died, the Israelites made David king. He made his palace in the Jerusalem. God sent another person like Samuel to David and said, "David, I have chosen you when you were small. I have killed your enemies and kept you safe. I will make your descendents' name famous. Your descendent will make a temple for me and his kingdom will last forever."

And David offered a prayer of thanks to God.

१४ एलियाले सत्य परमेश्वर प्रमाणित गरेका

१ राजा १२:२५-३०, १७:१, १८:१६-४६

दाउदले धेरै वर्ष सम्म ईसाएलमा राज्य गरे र त्यसपछि उनका छोराको राज्य गरे । परमेश्वरको मन्दिर बनाईनजेल उनी उहाँमा आज्ञाकारी भए तर पछि परमेश्वरलाई मन नपर्ने काम गर्न थाले । उनको मृत्यु पछि ईसायल देश उत्तर र दक्षिण गरी दुई भागमा विभाजन भयो । धेरै समय पछि उत्तरी देशका राजाले भने, “हे इस्रायलका मानिसहरु हो हामीलाई मिश्रबाट छुट्टाएर ल्याएका देवताहरु त यहाँ पो छन?” भनी सुनको बाछ्यो बनाएर पुजा गर्न थाले । साथै बाल देवताको पुजा गरे । परमेश्वरले त्यसैकारण उहाँको कुरा मानिसहरुलाई बताई दिने एलिया नाउ गरेका एकजना मानिसलाई उत्तरी देशका राजा कहाँ पठाउनु भयो । उनले राजालाई भने, “केहि वर्ष भरि यहाँ शित पानी केही पनि पर्ने छैन तब उनले भनेजस्तै भयो सबै खोलाहरु सुके सबै ठाउँहरुमा अनिकाल भयो त्यसैकारण राजाले एलियालाई बोलाएर भने, “किन तिमी हामीहरुलाई दुःख दिन्छौ?” एलियाले जवाफ दिए, “परमेश्वरको व्यवस्थालाई त्यागेर बाल देवताको पछि लागेको कारण तपाईंहरुले दुख पाउनुभएको हो । अब तपाईंले बाल देवताको पक्षमा बोल्ने मानिसहरुलाई डाँडाँमा बोलाउनुहोस ।” तब राजाले सबै मानिसहरुलाई बोलाए र एलिया सबैको विचमा उभिएर भने, “ए मानिसहरु तिमीहरु किन दोधारमा रहन्छौ ? । यदि परमप्रभुनै परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्छ भने उहाँलाई पछ्याओं तर यदि बाल परमेश्वर हो भने त्यसलाई पछ्याओं ।” त्यहाँ ४५० जना बालको पक्षमा बोल्ने मानिसहरु पनि थिए । अनि एलियाले तिनीहरुलाई भने, “हामी एउटा बेदी बनाउ र पशु मारेर दाउरा माथि राखौ तर आगो चाहिँ नलगाओं । तब तिमीहरु आफ्नो देवता पुकार म परमेश्वरलाई पुकार्छु । त्यो सत्य परमेश्वर हो जसले आगोद्वारा जवाफ दिनुहुन्छ । सबैले उनको कुरालाई असल भने, तब ती मानिसहरु बालको नाउ लिएर बिहान देखि दिउँसो सम्म यसरी पुकार्न थाले “हे बाल हामीलाई जवाफ दिनुहोस” तर केही पनि जवाफ आएन, उनीहरु बेदीमा घुमेर नाचदै ठूलो स्वरले कराउन थाले । तब एलियाले तिनीहरुलाई ठट्टा गर्दै भने, “अझै ठूलो स्वरले कराओ, तिमीहरुको देवता सुतिरहेको होला सायद उठाउन पर्छ होला ।” तब उनीहरु आफ्नै शरिरलाई तरवारले घोचेर रगताम्य बनाई पुकारे तर पनि जवाफ आएन । तब एलियाले सबै मानिसहरुलाई आफू कहाँ बोलाएर बेदी बनाए र दाउरा माथि पशु राखे र बेदीको खाडलमा भरीएर पोखिने गरि पानी हाल्न लगाए र प्रार्थना गर्न लागे “हे अब्राहम र

14. Elijah Proves the True God

1 Kings 12:25-30, 17:1; 18:16-43

David was king over Israel for many years. Then his son became the king of Israel and was faithful to God for many years. He even had a temple built for God. But later in life, David's son rejected God. So God punished David's family by dividing the kingdom into two parts, a northern kingdom and a southern kingdom. David's descendants continued to rule in the south, but the north was ruled by other families. After a long time, the new king of the north didn't want his people to remain loyal to David's family. He didn't want them to go down to Jerusalem and worship there. So he built two golden calves and put them at both ends of his kingdom. He said to the people, "It's too far for you to go down to Jerusalem to worship. These are the gods that brought you out of Egypt." So the people began worshipping these golden calves as well as the god named Baal.

Then God sent his spokesman Elijah, to remind the Israelites that they should worship the one true God and Him alone. One day, Elijah went to an important mountain in the northern kingdom. He said to the people there, "How long will you worship both the One true God and the false gods from foreign lands? Let's have a contest to see who is more powerful, the One true God or the false god Baal. The 450 spokesmen of the false god Baal can ask Baal to set their sacrifice on fire and I'll ask the one true God to set my sacrifice on fire. The god that answers by fire is truly God. If the God of Israel shows that He's more powerful, then serves him. But if Baal shows his power, then you can serve him instead."

Then the 450 spokesmen of the false god, Baal, set up a sacrifice. They killed a bull and set it on the altar. They started dancing around the altar and calling out to Baal, asking him to set their sacrifice on fire. They danced around and around but no answer came. Then Elijah said to them, "Maybe Baal is on vacation or perhaps he's taking a nap. Maybe you should shout a little louder." So the 450 spokesmen danced around more and they shouted even louder. They started to cut themselves as they normally did to show Baal that he was welcome. They cut themselves and blood was all over the place, but still nothing happened. Then Elijah built an altar. He took a bull, killed it and the blood flowed out. Then he cut the bull in pieces and put it on the altar. Elijah dug a ditch around the altar and said to some people nearby, "Go get some water and bring it here and pour it on the sacrifice." So, the people came back and poured the water on the sacrifice. And Elijah said, "Go do it again." And so they poured water on a second time. And Elijah said, "Do it a third time." So they came back and

ईसायलका परमेश्वर मैले तपाईंको आज्ञा अनुसार गरेको हुँ, मलाई जवाफ दिनुहोस । मानिसहरूले जानुनकी तपाईं मात्र एक सत्य परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्छ ।” तब परमेश्वरको आगो बज्यो र बेदीमा भएको सबै थोक भष्म भयो, यो देखेर मानिसहरू घोटो परेर कराएर भने, “ उहाँनै सत्य परमेश्वर हुनुहुदो रहेछ, उहाँ नै सत्य परमेश्वर हुनुहुदो रहेछ ।” अनि डाँडामा एलियाले प्रार्थना गरे अनि परमेश्वरले ठूलो पानी पठाई दिनुभयो । यसरी एलियाले परमप्रभुनै सत्य परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्छ भनी प्रमाणित गरे ।

poured water on a third time. The sacrifice was dripping wet and the trench that Elijah dug was full of water. Elijah got up and said to God, "Oh, God, show these people that you are the one true God, that you are calling them back to you." At that moment, fire came down from heaven and destroyed the sacrifice. All the water was gone and even the ground was all burnt up. The people there fell down on the ground and said, "The God of Israel is our God; the God of Israel is our God." Elijah prayed on the mountain and God sent a great rain. So that day, the God of Israel showed His power and proved that He was the one true God.

१५ मुक्तिदाताको बारेमा प्रतिज्ञा

जब परमेश्वरले उत्तरी राज्यको डाँडामा आफ्नो शक्ति देखाउनुभयो, त्यसपछि मानिसहरूले उहाँको आराधना गरे । तर केहि समय पछि फेरि सत्य परमेश्वरलाई आराधना गर्न छोडी असत्य देवतालाई पुज्नु शुरु गरे । यसकारण परमेश्वरले विदेशी सेना पठाई दिनुभयो । ती सेनाहरूले तिनीहरू माथि आक्रमण गरि तिनीहरूलाई दास बनाई लगे । त्यस्तै दक्षिणी राज्यका मानिसहरूले कहिले कहिँ परमेश्वरको आराधना गर्थे भने कहिले चाहिँ उहाँको आराधना गर्दैनथे । जब तिनीहरूले सत्य परमेश्वरको आराधना गर्थे, परमेश्वरले तिनीहरूलाई सुरक्षा दिँदै शत्रुहरू माथि विजय दिनुहुन्थ्यो । तर जब मानिसहरू अनाज्ञाकारी हुन्थे तब परमेश्वरले तिनीहरू माथि शत्रुलाई विजय हुन दिनुहुन्थ्यो । त्यसै समयमा त्यस राज्यमा यदि इस्राएलीहरूले अरु देवताहरूलाई नै पुजी रहने हो भने उनीहरू माथि के हुन्छ भनी चेतावनी दिन उहाँको कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताईदिने यर्मिया नाउँ गरेका मानिसलाई परमेश्वरले पठाउनुभयो । उनले मानिसहरूलाई भने, “परमेश्वरले धेरै पटक तिमीहरूलाई सचेत गराउन उहाँको जन पठाई भन्नुभएको छ । यदि तिमीहरूले असत्य देवतालाई पुज्नु छोडि सत्य परमेश्वरलाई आराधना गरे, तिमीहरूलाई यो भूमिमा रहन दिने कुरा जानकारी गराई सक्नुभएको छ । तर तिमीहरूले अस्वीकार गरेका छौ । यसकारण परमेश्वरले विदेशी सेनाहरूलाई तिमीहरू माथि आक्रमण गर्न दिनुहुनेछ र तिनीहरूले तिमीहरूको देश नष्ट गरी तिमीहरूलाई दास बनाएर लानेछन । तिमीहरू सबैले दुख कष्ट भोग्नु पर्ने छ ।” उनले जस्तो भने त्यस्तै भयो, विदेशी सेनाहरूले त्यो देशलाई घेरे, सबै पर्खालहरू भत्काई दिए र तिनीहरूका राजालाई कब्जामा लिई उनकै सामु उनका छोराहरू मारिदिए र राजदरवार, मन्दिर भत्काई दिए । उनीहरूलाई दास बनाएर लगे । यर्मिया जस्तै अर्का दुई जना मानिसहरूले यसरी भनेका थिए, “सबै इस्राएलीहरूलाई तिनीहरूको दुखबाट छुटकारा दिने राजा कन्याको गर्भबाट बेथलेहममा दाउदको घराना बाट जन्मनु हुनेछ । उहाँले ज्ञान र सत्यतामा न्यायसँग राज गर्नुहुनेछ । उहाँ मानिसहरूको पापको बलिदानको निम्ति

15. Promise of the Coming Savior

After God showed His power on the mountain in the northern kingdom, the people started worshipping Him. But after some time, they again stopped worshipping the true God and started worshipping false gods. So God sent foreign army troops that army attacked and took them to make them slaves. The people of the southern kingdom sometimes worshipped God and sometimes didn't. When they did worship the true God, He protected them and gave them victory over their enemies. But when these people disobeyed God, He used to give their enemies victory over them.

At that time in the kingdom, God sent a man named Jeremiah to speak for Him and warn the Israelites what would happen if they kept on worshipping false gods.

Jeremiah said to people, "God has many times sent His people to make you to understand not to worship false gods. If you stop worshipping false gods and worship the True God, you will be able to stay in this land. But you have ignored His words. So God will allow foreign armies to attack you, destroy your country, make you slaves and take you away. You will all suffer sorrow and hardship."

It happened just as Jeremiah said. Foreign troops captured their country and broke all the walls. They captured their king and killed his sons in front of him. They destroyed the palace and temple. They took the people for slavery.

Two other people like Jeremiah had also spoken like this, "A King who will rescue all Israelites from their sorrows will be born from a virgin's womb in Bethlehem, the city of David. He will rule with justice in wisdom and truth. He will live his life as a sacrifice for man's sin. Although being innocent, He will pierce for people's sin and by His wounds, people will be healed. He will be like a silent lamb led to be slaughtered and He will suffer all things and stay obedient to the death. But God will raise Him alive from death and make him great and powerful over

जिउनुहुनेछ । उहाँ निर्दोष भएर पनि मानिसका पापको निमित्त छेडिनुहुनेछ चोटहरु सहनुहुनेछ त्यो चोटले मानिसहरु निको हुनेछन । उहाँ ऊन कत्रीन लगिएको भेडा भै चुप भएर मृत्यु सम्मै कष्ट सही आज्ञाकारी रहनु हुनेछ । तर परमेश्वरले उहाँलाई मृत्युबाट जीवित पार्नुहुनेछ । सबै भन्दा महान र शक्तिशाली बनाउनु हुनेछ।” यसरी मुक्तिदाता आउनु भन्दा धेरै वर्ष अगाडि उहाँको बारेमा भनियो ।

सृष्टि देखि मण्डली सम्म

सुरुमा एक मात्र सत्य सर्वशक्तिमान परमेश्वर हुनुहुन्थ्यो । उहाँले आफ्नो वचनद्वारा आखाले देख्न नसकिने र संसारमा भएका सबै सुन्दर थोकहरुको सृष्टि गर्नुभयो जुन हामी हाम्रो वरिपरि देख्छौ । यसरी सबै कुराको सृष्टि गरिसकेपछि अन्तमा आफ्नै रूपरूपमा र आफ्नै प्रतिरूपमा मानिसलाई बनाउनुभयो । नर र नारीनै गरी आफैसँग रहन भनी बनाउनुभयो । परमेश्वर र मानिसको बिचमा संगती हुन्थ्यो उनीहरुमा आनन्द र शान्ती थियो । मानिसलाई उहाँले आज्ञा पनि दिनुभयो तिनीहरुलाई पृथ्वीमा भएका सबै कुराहरु माथि अधिकार दिनुभयो । सृष्टि भएका सबै कुराहरु शुद्ध र पवित्र थिए । तिनीहरुलाई परमेश्वरले फल्दै फुल्दै वृद्धी हुँदै जाने आशिष दिनुभयो । एक दिन मानिस र उसकी श्रीमतीले परमेश्वरको आज्ञालाई उलङ्घन गरे त्यसैकारण परमेश्वर र मानिस बिचको सम्बन्ध अलग भयो र उनीहरुसँग भएको प्रेम, आनन्द र शान्तीको ठाउँमा डर, त्रास, दुख र मृत्युले प्रवेश गर्‍यो । त्यो पापमा फसेका मानिसबाट जन्मेका हरेक सन्तानमा त्यो पाप स्वभाव सदैँ गायो र उनीहरुले परमेश्वरलाई मन नपर्ने काम गरिरहे तर पनि सृष्टिकर्ता परमेश्वरले उनीहरुलाई प्रेम गर्नुहुन्थ्यो र बचाउन चाहानुहुन्थ्यो त्यसैकारण ती पापी मानिसहरुको बिचबाट एकजना व्यक्तिलाई चुन्नुभयो र भन्नुभयो , म तलाई आशिष दिनेछु र तेरो नाउलाई प्रशिद्ध गराउनेछु र तँ द्वारा म ठूलो जाती खडा गर्नेछु र तेरो कुलद्वारानै सबै कुलले आशिष पाउनेछन् तर ती मानिसका सन्तानहरु पनि पापमै फसिरहे र सृष्टिकर्ता परमेश्वरलाई त्यागेर सृष्टि गरिएका थोकहरुलाई पुज्नु थाले तर पनि परमेश्वरले मानिसलाई प्रेम गर्नुहुन्थ्यो र बचाउन चाहानुहुन्थ्यो त्यसैकारण यी मानिसहरुको बिचबाट केही व्यक्तिहरुलाई चुन्नुभयो तिनीहरु परमेश्वरका कुरा मानिसहरुलाई बताईदिने व्यक्तिहरु थिए । तिनीहरुले मानिसहरुलाई चेतावनी दिँदै भने,“तिमीहरु परमेश्वरको बाटोलाई त्यागेर पापमा जिईरहेका छौ, पापबाट फर्क र आउन लागेको दण्डबाट आफैलाई बचाओ साथै भोली हुन आउने कुराको विषयमा यसो भने,“ हेर एउटा कन्या गर्भवती हुनेछिन र उनले एउटा बालक जन्माउनेछिन र उहाँको नाउ इमानुएल राखिनेछ, जसको अर्थ परमेश्वर हामी सबै मानिसहरुसँग । उहाँ पापी मानिसहरुको निमित्त छेडीनुहुनेछ

all.”

In this way it was told about the Savior many years before His coming.

Fast-track: Creation to Church

Before anything else, there was the one, true, almighty God. Through His word, He created the sun, moon, stars and all the living creatures on earth which we can see around us. God created man in His own image and blew His breath of life into him. He came alive and his relationship with God was very close. God created a woman to stay with man and gave them authority over all things on the earth. All created things were perfect and holy. God blessed them to increase and be fertile all over the earth. One day, the man and his wife willfully disobeyed God's command and for that reason their relationship with God was broken. Their love, joy and peace was replaced by fear, unhappiness and the beginning of death. Although God punished them for their sin, He continued to love them more and promised to save them.

The man's descendents increased and multiplied. They also started doing things God didn't like and became evil. They started worshipping things instead of God. As these corrupt generations kept going, God found one righteous person who obeyed Him. God gave him a promise that his descendents would increase like the stars in the sky and through him all the tribes throughout the earth would be blessed. This man's descendents also abandoned worship of the true God and started worshipping false gods. Many years went by and many times God warned them to return and worship Him.

God again raised up another man to repeat His promise. He told the people that the Savior would be born of a virgin and He would be with the people and teach them about the kingdom of God and His rule. He would erase man's sin and sacrifice His own life to restore the relationship between God and man. When the man told this, many people ignored his words and continued to worship false gods.

One day God sent His son from heaven to this earth. He was born of a virgin and she named Him Jesus, who would be the Savior taking away man's sin. Jesus grew up and taught people that He is the way, truth and life. He healed sick people, delivered people from evil spirits and said that whoever believed in Him would get

दुख कष्ट भोग्नुहुनेछ र मानिसहरुको पापको निम्ति उहाँ आफैँ बलि भई मारिनुहुनेछ तर परमेश्वरले फेरि उहाँलाई जीवीत पार्नुहुनेछ । उहाँले परमेश्वर र मानिस बिचको सम्बन्धलाई फेरि जोड्नुहुनेछ ।” तर मानिसहरुले उनीहरुको कुरालाई ध्यान नदिई भुटा ईश्वरहरुलाईनै पुज्दै रहे । ती मानिसहरुले भने अनुसार परमेश्वरले आफ्नो एक मात्र पुत्रलाई एउटा कन्याको गर्भमा गर्भ धारण गरी यस संसारमा पठाउनुभयो । उहाँको आमाले उहाँको नाम येशू राखिन् । येशू परमेश्वरको अनुग्रहमा हुर्कनुभयो, बढ्नुभयो र उहाँले धेरै रोगी बिरामीलाई निको बनाउनुभयो साथै भूत आत्मा लागेका मानिसहरुलाई पनि त्यसबाट छुट्टाकारा दिनुभयो र उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “बाटो सत्य र जीवन म नै हुँ म द्वारा बाहेक कोही पनि स्वर्गमा जान सक्दैन, म पापमा हराएका मानिसहरुलाई खोज्न र बचाउन आएको हुँ ।” धेरै मानिसहरुले उहाँको कुरा सुने र विश्वास गरे तर केही आफैँलाई धर्मी सम्झने मानिसहरुले उहाँको डाहा गरे र उहाँलाई भुटा दोष लगाई, लछार पछार पादै, आफ्नै क्रुस बोकाएर हातमा काटी, पाउमा काँटी र कोखामा भाला रोपेर मारे उहाँलाई चिहानमा गाडियो तर तिन दिन पछि उहाँ चिहानबाट फेरि बौरि उठ्नुभयो र आफुलाई आफ्नो चेलाहरु समक्ष प्रस्तुत गर्नुभयो । तिनीहरुलाई मुक्तिको सन्देश पृथ्वीका सबै मानिसलाई सुनाउने आज्ञा दिनुभयो । उहाँले आफु स्वर्गमा उचालि जाने र उनीहरुलाई शक्ति दिन परमेश्वरको आत्मा पठाईदिने प्रतिज्ञा गर्नुभयो र उहाँको चेलाहरु माथि स्वर्गबाट परमेश्वरको आत्मा आयो र त्यसपछि उनीहरुले साहससित उहाँको सन्देशलाई प्रचार गरे र हजारौँ मानिसहरु उहाँ माथि विश्वास गरे र परमेश्वरसँग टुटेको सम्बन्धलाई फेरी जोडे र समुहमा मिलेर उहाँको आरधना गर्न लागे यसरी आरधना गर्ने समुहलाईनै चर्च भनिन्छ । के तपाईँ पनि आफ्नो परमेश्वरसँग टुटेको सम्बन्धलाई येशू खीष्ट माथि विश्वास गरी जोड्न चाहानुहुन्छ ?

salvation. But people accused Him with lies and gave Him cruel punishment. They blasphemed Him and killed Him by crucifixion on a cross. He was buried in a tomb but after three days rose again from the dead. He presented himself to His disciples and commanded them to tell this good news to all the people all over the world. He went up to His heaven and promised to send God's empowering Holy Spirit to His people. God's power came from heaven onto the disciples and after that they boldly preached His gospel and thousands of people accepted Him and became His disciples. The disciples scattered all throughout the world telling people that Jesus is the only way to get salvation. These followers and worshipers of Christ are called the Church.

१६. येशूको जन्मको कथा

यशैया ७:१४, मिका ५:२, लुका १:२६-३८, मत्ति १:१८-२१, लुका २:१-२०

धेरै वर्ष अगाडि परमेश्वरका कुरा मानिसहरुलाई बताई दिने ब्यक्तिहरुले भने अनुसार परमेश्वरका एक जना दुतले कन्या मरियम जस्को मगनी योसेफसँग भएको थियो, उनी कहाँ गएर भने, “तिमी परमेश्वरको आत्माद्वारा गर्भवती हुनेछौ र बालक जन्माउनेछौ उहाँ महान हुनुहुनेछ र परमेश्वरको पुत्र कहलाईनु हुनेछ । उहाँले दाउदको सिँहासनमा राज्य गर्नु हुनेछ, उहाँको राज्यको अनन्त कहिल्यै हुनेछैन।” मरियमले उनले भनेको कुरामा विश्वास गरिन । तर योसेफले उनी गर्भवती भएको थाहा पाए पछि गुप्तमा त्याग्ने बिचार गरे तर सपनामा परमेश्वरका दुतले उनलाई भने, “यो सबै

16. The Birth of Jesus

Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2, Matthew 1:18-21 Luke 1:23-38; 2:1-20

As it was told many years earlier by men who spoke on behalf of God, there was an angel of God that came to the virgin Mary who was engaged to Joseph and said, "You will conceive by the power of God's Spirit and give birth to a baby boy who will be great and known as the Son of God. He will rule on the throne of David and there will be no end to His rule." Mary believed his words. But when Joseph found out that she was pregnant, he considered secretly leaving her. But an angel of God spoke to him in a dream saying, "All these things have come from the Spirit of God. So don't be afraid to accept her. She will give birth to a baby boy and

परमेश्वरको आत्माबाट भएको हो । त्यसकारण उनलाई स्वीकार गर्ना नडराउ, उनले बालक जन्माउनेछिन र तिमीले उनको नाउँ येशु राख्नेछौं किनभने उहाँले आफ्ना मानिसहरूलाई तिनीहरूका पापबाट बचाउनेछन ।” योसेफले उनलाई स्वीकार गरे । त्यसै समयमा त्यहाँका शासकले सबै मानिसहरूलाई नाउँ दर्ता गराउन आ-आफ्नो गाउँमा बोलाएका थिए । त्यसैले उनीहरू पनि दाउदको शहरमा गए । त्यसै समयमा मरियमको बालक जन्माउने समय आयो । धेरै मानिसहरू भएकोले कहीं बस्ने ठाँउ थिएन त्यसैले उनीहरू गोठमा बसे, त्यही उनले बालक जन्माईन र लुगाले बेहरेर डुँडमा सुताईन । नजिकै गोठालाहरू भेडा चराउन बसी रहेका थिए । तिनीहरू कहाँ परमेश्वरको दूत देखा परे । तिनीहरू डराए तर परमेश्वरको दूतले भने, “नडराओ हेर, म तिमीहरूलाई बडो आनन्दको सुसमाचार सुनाउछु जो सबै मानिसहरूको निम्ति हो । आज दाउदको शहरमा एउटा मुक्तिदाताको जन्मभएको छ जो ख्रीष्ट प्रभु हुनुहुन्छ । तिमीहरूलाई चिन्न चाहिँ यो हुनेछ तिमीहरूले एउटा बालकलाई लुगाले बेहरेर डुँडमा सुताई रहेको भटाउने छौं ।” त्यसैवेला स्वर्गदूतको एक दलले परमेश्वरको महिमा गयो । तब गोठालाहरू हतार-हतार गर्दै त्यहाँ गए, बालकलाई लुगाले बेहरेर डुँडमा सुताई रहेको भेट्टाए । स्वर्गदूतले भनेको सबै कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताए, यो सुनेर सबै आश्चर्य चकित भए । स्वर्गदूतले जस्तो भनेका थिए त्यस्तै देखेको हुनाले गोठालाहरू परमेश्वरको महिमा र स्तुति गर्दै फर्के । परमेश्वरले प्रतिज्ञा गर्नुभए अनुसार यसरी येशू ख्रीष्टको जन्म भयो ।

१७ येशूको बप्तिष्मा र परिक्षा

लुका २:२२, मत्ति ३:१-३,११ र १३,४:१-११, लुका ४:१४ र ३१-४४

येशू जन्मनु भएपछि उहाँ एउटा साधारण बालकभै बुद्धिमा शरिरमा र परमेश्वरको अनुग्रहमा हुँकनुभयो । त्यसै समयमा युहन्ना नाउँ गरेका परमेश्वरको जनले पश्चताप र स्वर्गको राज्यको बारेमा प्रचार गर्दै, मानिसहरूलाई एउटा नदिमा बप्तिष्मा दिँदै येशू ख्रीष्टको बारेमा यसो भने, “म त तिमीहरूलाई पश्चतापको लागी पानीले बप्तिष्मा दिन्छु, तर म पछि आउनु हुने म भन्दा शक्तिशाली हुनुहुन्छ र उहाँले पवित्र आत्मा र आगोले बप्तिष्मा दिनुहुन्छ ।” येशू पनि यूहन्ना कहाँ बप्तिष्मा लिन त्यहाँ आउनुभयो । उनले यसो भनेर उहाँलाई रोक्न खोजे, “बरु मलाई पो तपाईंबाट बप्तिष्मा लिन आवश्यक छ, के तपाईं म कहाँ आउनु हुने?” तर येशूले भन्नुभयो, “अहिलेलाई यसै हुन देउ, यसरी नै हामीहरूले सबै धार्मिकता पुरा गर्नु पर्छ ।” तब यूहन्ना राजी भए । अनि येशूले बप्तिष्मा लिनुभयो । स्वर्गबाट परमेश्वरको आत्मा ढुकुरको रूपमा उहाँ माथि ओर्लनुभयो । तब स्वर्गबाट यो

you will name him Jesus, for He will deliver His people from their sin.” Joseph accepted her.

At that time, the ruler of that region announced that all people must go to their own village to register for a census. For that, they also went to the town of David called Bethlehem. At that time, Mary's time to give birth to a son arrived. Because of the many people, there was no resting place for them, and so they stayed in a barn. There she gave birth to a son and wrapping him in a cloth, placed him in a manger to sleep. Nearby there were shepherds tending their sheep. An angel of God appeared to them. They were afraid but the angel said, "Do not fear. Look, I announce to you joyful news that is for all people. Today, in the city of David a Savior has been born, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped with cloth sleeping in a manger."

At that time, a group of angels glorified God. Then the shepherds hurried and went there and found the baby wrapped in cloth and sleeping in a manger. The shepherds told people all that the angels said and all the listeners were amazed. Having seen everything just as the angels had said, the shepherds returned praising and glorifying God. In this way Christ was born just as God had promised.

17. Jesus is Baptised and Tested

Matthew 3:1-3,11,13; 4:1-11; Luke 2:52, 3:21-22; 4:14, 31-44

After Jesus was born, like an ordinary boy he grew in body, wisdom and in God's grace. At that time there was man named John who was preaching about repentance and the kingdom of God, baptizing people in a river and saying about Jesus Christ, "I only give you baptism by water but the One coming after me is more powerful than me and will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Jesus also came to John to be baptized in water. John tried to stop Jesus saying, "You come to me? Instead, I need to be baptised by you." But Jesus said, "For now let this happen. In this way we have to fulfill all righteousness." Then John accepted His word and Jesus took baptism. From heaven, God's Spirit in the form of a dove descended on Him. A voice came from heaven, "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Then Jesus was taken by the Spirit into the wasteland. After fasting food for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. Then Satan came to test him and said, "If you are the Son of God, give the word for

आवाज आयो, “यिनी मेरा प्रिय पुत्र हुन यिनीसँग म अति प्रसन्न छु ।” तब येशू पवित्र आत्माद्वारा उजाड स्थानमा लगिनुभयो । उहाँ चालिस दिन र चालिस रात उपवास बसेपछि उहाँ भोकाउनुभयो । तब शैतानले परिक्षा गर्दै उहाँलाई भन्यो, “तपाईं परमेश्वरको पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ भने ढुङ्गाहरुलाई रोटी हुने आज्ञा दिनुहोस ।” तर येशूले जवाफ दिनुभयो, “धर्मशास्त्रमा लेखिएको छ, मानिस रोटीले मात्र होईन तर परमेश्वरको मुखबाट निस्केको हरेक बचनले बाँच्दछ ।” शैतानले मन्दिरको शिरमा लगेर भन्यो, “तपाईं परमेश्वरको पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ भने, यहाँबाट तल हाम्फल्नुहोस किनभने दुतहरुले तपाईंलाई हात-हातै थाम्ने छन् नत्रता तपाईंको खुट्टा ढुङ्गामा ठोकिनेछ ।” येशूले भन्नुभयो, “लेखिएको छ तैले आफ्नो परमेश्वरको परिक्षा नगर्नु ।” फेरि शैतानले अल्गो डाँडामा लगेर संसारको सबै राज्य र त्यसको वैभव देखाएर भन्यो, “मलाई घोप्टो परेर दण्डवत गर्नुभयो भने यी सबै थोक म तपाईंलाई दिन्छु ।” येशूले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “शैतान तँ दुर होइजा, किनकी लेखिएको छ, तैले आफ्ना परमेश्वरलाई दण्डवत गर्नु र उहाँको मात्र सेवा गर्नु ।” तब शैतान त्यहाँ बाट भाग्यो र स्वर्गदुतहरुले उहाँको हेरचाह गरे । येशू पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिमा त्यहाँबाट फर्किनुभयो, सिकाउदै, निको पादै र परमेश्वरको सुसमाचार प्रचार गर्न लाग्नु भयो ।

these stones to become bread." But Jesus told him, "It is written in the scriptures, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple and said, "If you are the Son of God, let yourself go down because angels will care over you; and in their hands they will keep you up, so that your foot may not be crushed against a stone." Jesus said to him, "It is written, 'Don't put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again Satan took Jesus to the top of the mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, saying, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" Then Satan left and angels came and ministered to Him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned back from there and started teaching, healing and spreading the gospel of God.

१८ बाह्र जना चेलाहरुको छनोट

लुका ५:१-११ र ६:१२,१३, मार्कुस ३:१४-१५

यसरी येशूले परमेश्वरको राज्यको प्रचार गर्दा सुन्नलाई धेरै मानिसहरु ठेल्लम ठेल्ला गरिरहेका थिए । तालको किनारमा येशू उभिरहनुभएको थियो त्यहाँ दुईजना जालहारीहरु ढुङ्गा बाहिर जाल धोईरहेका थिए, ति दुई जना मध्ये उहाँ पत्रुसको ढुङ्गामा चढेर किनारबाट पर लैजान लगाउनुभयो र मानिसहरुलाई शिक्षा दिन लाग्नुभयो । शिक्षा दिइसक्नुभएपछि पत्रुसलाई गहिरो ठाउँमा जाल हान्न आज्ञा दिनुभयो, रात भरि महिनेत गरेर एउटै पनि माछा नपाएर थाकेका पत्रुसले उहाँको वचन पालन गर्दै जाल हाने अनि जब जाल हाने माछा यति धेरै पयो कि जालनै च्यातिएला जस्तो भयो । आफुले नसकेर साथीहरुलाई गुहारे, माछाले भरिएर ढुङ्गानै ढुब्ला जस्तो भयो । यो देखेर पत्रुसले भने, “हे प्रभु, यहाँ बाट जानुहोस म पापी मानिस हुँ ।” धेरै माछा देखेर उनका साथीहरुले पनि अचम्म माने अनि येशूले पत्रुसलाई भन्नुभयो, “नडराऊ अब देखि तिमिले मानिसहरुलाई पक्रने छौ मेरो पछि लाग” तब तिनीहरुले सबै थोक छोडेर उहाँको पछि लागे यसरी उहाँले अर्को कर उठाउने व्यक्ति जसलाई मानिसहरुले अतिनै घृणा गर्दथे उनलाई भन्नुभयो, “मेरो पछि लाग” तब सबै थोक छोडी उ उहाँको पछि लाग्यो, यसरीनै धेरै मनिसहरु उहाँको पछि लागे यी दिनमा उहाँ

18. Jesus Chooses 12 Disciples

Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-13; Mark 3:14-15

As Jesus was proclaiming the kingdom of God, many people were gathering around to listen. When Jesus was standing at a lakeside, there were two fisherman cleaning their nets beside their boats. Jesus sat in the boat of the one named Peter and told him to take him farther from shore and He started teaching the people. After teaching, He ordered Peter to throw his net in the deepest part of the lake. Peter was getting tired because he had tried all night but hadn't caught any fish but he accepted His word and threw his net in the water. They got such a great number of fish that it seemed as if his net would break. He made sign to his friends to help him. The fish covered the boat and it looked like it would sink. After seeing this Peter said to Jesus, "Oh lord, go away from me. I am a sinner." When his friends saw a many fish they were surprised and Jesus said to Peter, "Don't be afraid. From now, you will catch men." After this, Peter left his work and followed Him. He also met a person who used to collect taxes from the people and they used to really hate him. Jesus said to him, "Follow me!" After that, he also left all his things and followed Jesus. In this way, many people followed Jesus. He went to the mountain to pray and spent all night praying to God. Next morning, Jesus called all his followers and among them chose twelve disciples to be with

पहाडमा प्रार्थना गर्न जानुभयो र परमेश्वरमा प्रार्थना गर्दै सारा रात बिताउनुभयो बिहानी पख उहाँले आफ्ना चेलाहरुलाई बोलाएर तिनीहरु मध्ये बाह्र जनालाई आफुसँग रहन र प्रचार गर्न छान्नुभयो र तिनीहरुलाई सबै किसिमका रोगहरु निको पार्ने र भूत निकाल्ने अधिकार पनि दिनुभयो यसरी येशूले बाह्रजना चेलाहरुलाई छान्नुभयो ।

१९ येशूले आधिलाई शान्त पार्नु भयो

मत्ती ८:२३-२६ लुका ८:२२-२५

येशूले धेरै मानिसहरुलाई परमेश्वरको राज्यको बारेमा सिकाउनुभयो । अनि चेलाहरुलाई भन्नुभयो, “हामी डुङ्गा चढेर पारी पट्टि जाऊ ।” जाँदै गर्नुहुँदा येशू डुङ्गामा निदाउनुभयो । एक्कासी त्यहाँ आधी हुरी आयो । डुङ्गालाई छालले हान्न लाग्यो, डुङ्गा पानीले भरिन लाग्यो र चेलाहरु आपतमा परे, आँतित्तै चिच्याउँदै येशूलाई बिउभाए र उहाँलाई भन्न थाले, “गुरुज्यू , गुरुज्यू हामीलाई बचाउनुहोस । हामी डुबेर नष्ट हुन लाग्यौं” । येशूले तिनीहरुलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरु किन डराउँदछौ तिमीहरुको विश्वास कहाँ गयो?” तब उठेर उहाँले बतास र समुन्द्रलाई हकार्नुभयो र आँधी विलकुल शान्त भयो । यो देखेर तिनीहरु छक्क परेर भने, “यिनी त कस्ता मानिस हुन बतास र समुन्द्रले पनि यिनको आज्ञा मान्दा रहेछन ।” यसरी उहाँले आधिलाई शान्त पारी उहाँमा भएको प्रकृती माथिको अधिकारलाई पनि देखाउनु भयो ।

२० येशूको शक्तिले भूत आत्मा भागेको

मर्कुस ५:१-२०

आधिलाई शान्त पार्नुभए पछि येशू आफ्ना चेलाहरुसँग समुन्द्रको पारी पट्टिको गाउँमा आउनुभयो । त्यहाँ उहाँले एउटा भूत लागेको मानिसलाई भेटनुभयो । त्यो चिहानहरु हुँदो बस्दथ्यो । धेरै पल्ट मानिसहरुले नेल र साङ्गाले बाँधेका थिए तर त्यसले साङ्गालाहरु टुक्रा-टुक्रा पारेर छिनाल्थ्यो । कसैले त्यसलाई बसमा राख्न सक्दैनथ्यो त्यो रात दिन सधैं चिहानहरु र डाडाँहरुमा कराउँदै आफूले आफैलाई ढुङ्गाले चिथोर्दै शरिर रक्ताम्मै बनाई हिड्थ्यो । येशूलाई भेटेपछि उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “ए अशुद्ध आत्मा त्यसबाट निस्क आईज ।” तब उसले दण्डवत गर्दै ठूलो स्वरले चिच्याएर भन्यो, “हे सर्वोच्च परमेश्वरका पुत्र येशू तपाईंको म सँग के सरोकार विन्ती गर्छु मलाई दुःख नदिनुहोस ।” अनि येशूले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “तेरो नाउँ के हो ?” त्यसले भन्यो, “मेरो नाउँ त फौज हो, किनकी हामी धेरै छौं ” ती भूत आत्माहरुलाई त्यो क्षेत्रबाट बाहिर नपठाउनुहोस भनी विन्ति गर्नुभयो । त्यही नजिकै डाडाँमा सुँगुरको एउटा ठूलो बगाल चरिरहेका थिए । भूत आत्माले उहाँसँग सुँगुर भित्र जान दिनुहोस भनेर विन्ति गर्नुभयो । येशूले अनुमति दिनुभयो । भूत आत्मा मानिसबाट निस्केर

Him and to preach. He gave them authority to cast out demonic spirits and to heal all sorts of diseases. In this way, Jesus chose His twelve disciples.

19. Jesus Calms the Storm

Matthew 8:23-26, Luke 8:22-25

Jesus taught many people about the kingdom of God. And he said to His disciples, "Let's take a boat to the other side of the lake." As they were going, Jesus fell asleep in the boat. Suddenly a wind storm came. The waves started hitting the boat, the boat filled full of water and they were in trouble. They got very afraid and awakened Jesus shouting, "Master, Master save us! We are going to be destroyed!" Jesus said to them, "Why you are afraid? Where did your faith go?" Then He got up and rebuked the wind and water and they ceased and became calm. When the disciples saw this they were astonished and said, "What kind of person is this that even the winds and water obey Him?"

In this way He calmed the storm and showed His authority over nature.

20. Jesus Overcomes Demon Power

Mark 5:1-20

After calming the storm, Jesus came with His disciples to the village crossing the lake. He met a certain man who had demons. He used to live at the tombs. Many times people tried kept him under control by binding with chains but nobody was able to control him so he used to shout and walk around the tomb and the mountains everyday and injured himself in his body, scratching by the sharp stones and was bloody . When he met Jesus he shouted and said to Him, "O! Jesus, Son of the Highest God? What have I to do with you, I request you please don't give hard time to me "because Jesus said him before "unclean spirit come out of this man" Jesus asked him, What is your name? "He said," My name is Legion because we are many" He begged Him that not to command them out to go. There was a great herd of pigs in that place in the mountain .The evil spirit begged Him to go into a pig .Then God sent that evil spirits into the pigs. When the evil spirit went out from the man, the pigs went down to the lake and drowned and died. The men who took care of pigs they ran and went to the village and city to tell the news

संगुरहरु भित्र पसे । संगुरहरु भीरबाट खसेर समुन्द्रमा डुबेर मरे । संगुर चराउनेहरु भागेर गाउँ- गाउँ र शहरमा गएर त्यहाँ भएका कुराहरु मानिसहरुलाई बताए । यो सुनेर मानिसहरु हेर्नलाई त्यहाँ आउदा साङ्गलाले बाँधेर वशमा राख्न नसक्ने मानिस चुप लागेर बसेको देखी तिनीहरु डराएर येशूलाई त्यहाँबाट अन्तै गईदिनुहोस भनी बिन्ती गर्नलागे । उहाँ जान लाग्नुहुँदा भूत आत्माबाट छुटकारा पाएको मानिसले उहाँसँगै जाने इच्छा गर्‍यो तर उहाँले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिमी आफ्नो घरमा गएर तिम्रा परिवार र मित्रहरुलाई प्रभुले तिम्रो निम्ति गर्नुभएको महान् काम र ठूलो दयाको बारेमा बताउ । त्यो मानिस त्यहाँबाट गयो र येशूले गर्नुभएको महान कामको विषयमा आफन्तहरु साथै १० वटा शहरहरुमा बतायो । यो सुन्ने मानिसहरु अचम्म माने । यसरी येशूले भूत आत्मा माथि अधिकार देखाउनुभयो ।

२१. येशूले पाप क्षमा गर्नुभयो

लुका ५: १७-२६

धेरै रोगी विरामीहरुलाई येशूले निको पार्नुभयो । मानिसहरुले यो देखेका थिए कतिले सुनेको थिए । एक दिन येशू एउटा घरमा शिक्षा दिई रहनु भएको थियो । त्यहाँ विभिन्न ठाउँहरुबाट मानिसहरु आएका थिए । त्यसैबेला एउटा हात, गोडा केहि पनि नचल्ने विरामीलाई चार जनाले बोकेर त्यहाँ ल्याए । धेरै मानिसहरुको भिड भएकोले तिनीहरुले विरामीलाई येशू कहाँ सम्म पुऱ्याउन नसक्दा उहाँ वस्नु भएको घरको छानो खोलेर त्यो विरामीलाई उ सुतेको खाटसमेत तल ओह्लाली दिए । तिनीहरुको विश्वास देखेर येशूले त्यस विरामीलाई भन्नुभयो, “ए, छोरा तिम्रा पापहरु क्षमा भए” तर त्यहाँ केहि आफैलाई धर्मी सम्झने मानिसहरु पनि थिए । तिनीहरुले मन मनै यस्तो विचार गरे, “परमेश्वरले बाहेक कसले पाप क्षमा गर्न सक्छ ? यो मानिसले ईश्वर निन्दा गर्‍यो” येशूले तुरुन्तै तिनीहरुको यस्तो विचार आत्मामा थाहा पाएर भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरु किन यस्तो विचार गर्‍यो ? त्यो विरामीलाई तिम्रा पापहरु क्षमा भए भन्नु कि तिम्रो खाट उठाएर हिड भन्न सजिलो छ ? तर मलाई पृथ्वीमा पाप क्षमा गर्ने अधिकार छ भनी तिमीहरुले जान अनि त्यो विरामीलाई भन्नुभयो, “उठ र खाट बोकेर घर जाउ । त्यो त्यहाँबाट गईहाल्यो त्यहाँ भएका मानिसहरु आश्चर्य चकित भए र हामीले कहिल्यै यस्तो देखेका थिएनौं भन्दै परमेश्वरको महिमा गरे । यसरी येशूले उहाँ मानिसहरुको पाप क्षमा गर्न आउनुभएको कुरा तिनीहरुलाई बुझाउनु भयो ।

२२. येशूले मृतकबाट जीवित पार्नुभएको

युहन्ना ११:१-४४

येशू पहिले युहन्नाले वप्टिष्मा दिएको ठाउँ तिर जानुभयो र त्यही वस्नुभयो । त्यहाँ धेरै मानिसहरुले उहाँ माथि विश्वास गरे । त्यसै समयमा एकजना मानिस त्यहाँ आएर उहाँलाई भने, “हे प्रभु तपाईंले अतिनै माया गर्ने तपाईंका मित्र सिक्किस्त विरामी परेका छन् । मलाई उनका दिदीहरुले तपाईंलाई यो

to all the peoples and when the people heard that news they came to that place and they saw the uncontrollable one whom they had tried binding with chains sitting quietly so they were afraid and requested Jesus to leave from that place. As Jesus started to go, the man delivered of the evil spirit wished to go along but Jesus said to him, "Go to your home and tell your family and friends what great things God did and the great grace you found. The man went from there and told his family and relatives about the great things Jesus did in his life and also went to 10 cities. Those who heard him were amazed. In this way Jesus showed His authority over evil spirits.

21. Jesus Heals and Forgives Sin

Luke 5:17-26

Jesus healed many sick people. People had seen and heard about this. One day Jesus was in a house, teaching. There many people had come from various places. At that time, four men brought a sick man who was unable to use his hands or legs or anything. Because there was a crowd of many people and they were unable to bring the sick man to Jesus, they opened the flat roof of the house where Jesus was sitting and lowered down the sick man along with his bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the sick man, "Son, I have forgiven your sins." But there were also some men there who used to think of themselves as righteous. They thought in their hearts, "Who can forgive sin except God? This man is against God." Jesus immediately knew in His spirit the thoughts of those men and said, "Why are you thinking like this? Is it easy to tell that man, 'your sin has been forgiven' or to say, 'take your bed and go'?" But so that they knew He had all authority to forgive sin in earth, Jesus said to the sick man, "Get up, take your bed and go home!" Then the sick man got up and went from there. All the people there were amazed and glorified God, saying to each other, "We have never seen this sort of thing before!" In this way, Jesus made people understand that He came to forgive people's sins.

22. Jesus Raises the Dead to Life

John 11:1-44

Jesus went to the place where John had baptized Him and stayed there. There many people believed in Him. At that time, a man came to Jesus and said, "Oh Lord, the one you love so much, your friend has a very serious illness and his sisters sent me to give this news to you. Several days after hearing this

खबर दिन बोलाएका हुन ।” यो समाचार सुनेको केहि दिन पछि येशू आफ्ना चेलाहरूसँग विरामी मित्रलाई भेट्न जानुभयो । जाँदै गर्दा चेलाहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “मेरो मित्र त मरिसकेका छन् तर पनि हामी त्यहाँ जाऊँ ।” येशू मित्रको गाउँमा पुग्नुभयो । उहाँ त्यहाँ पुग्दा तिनलाई चिहानमा राखेको ४ दिन भईसकेको थियो । शोकमा परेका तिनका दिदीहरूलाई सान्तवना दिन धेरै मानिसहरू त्यहाँ आएका थिए । येशू पनि आईरहनुभएको छ भन्ने सुनेर जेठी दिदी गईन र उहाँलाई भेटिन र उहाँलाई भनिन, “तपाईं यहाँ हुनुभएको भए त मेरो भाई मर्ने थिएन तर मलाई थाहा छ, तपाईंले परमेश्वरसँग जे माग्नुहुन्छ, उहाँले तपाईंलाई दिनुहुन्छ ।” येशूले तिनलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिम्रो भाई फेरि जिवित हुनेछ” तर उनले आफ्नो बौरीउठाईमा जीवीत हुने कुरा बुझिन । फेरि येशूले भन्नुभयो, “बौरी उठ्ने र जीवन दिने म नै हुँ । मलाई विश्वास गर्ने मर्त्यो भने पनि जिवित हुनेछ । ममा जिउने र म माथि विश्वास गर्ने प्रत्येक कहिल्यै मर्नेछैन । के तिमी विश्वास गर्छौ ? ” तिनले भनिन, “हो प्रभु म विश्वास गर्छु तपाईं संसारमा आउनुहुने खीष्ट परमेश्वरको पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ ।” तब उनी गएर आफ्नी बैनीलाई सुटुक्क बोलाईन । उनीहरू त्यहाँ गए । त्यहाँ सबैजना रोईरहेका थिए । यो देखेर येशू पनि रुनुभयो र भन्नुभयो, “मेरो मित्रलाई कहाँ राखेका छौं ?” तिनीहरूले भने, “प्रभु आएर हेर्नुहोस ।” त्यहाँ हुनेहरूले भने, “अन्धालाई आँखा खोली दिनेले यो मानिस मर्न देखि बचाउन सक्ने थिएनन र ?” येशू अति दुखित भएर चिहानमा जानुभयो । चिहानको मुख ढुङ्गाले ढाकेको थियो । येशूले भन्नुभयो, “ढुङ्गा हटाओ ।” मृतकी दिदीले भनिन् , “प्रभु यसबेला सम्मत गनाउन लागिस्क्यो होला किनकी आज चार दिन भैसक्यो” येशूले भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरूले विश्वास गर्नु भने परमेश्वरको महिमा देख्ने छौ ।” तिनीहरूले ढुगा हटाए । येशूले माथितिर हेरि भन्नुभयो, “परमेश्वर पिता तपाईंलाई धन्यवाद, तपाईंले मेरो बिन्ती सुन्नुहुन्छ । यहाँ भएका मानिसहरूले थाहा पाउन की तपाईंले नै मलाई पठाउनुभएको हो ।” त्यसपछि उहाँले ठूलो स्वरमा भन्नुभयो, “मित्र बाहिर निस्की आउ ।” त्यो मृत मानिस कपडाले बाँधिएको अवस्थामानै बाहिर आयो । येशूले भन्नुभयो, “त्यसको बन्धनहरू खोलिदेओ र त्यसलाई जान देओ” यसरी येशूले मरेको मानिसलाई पुन जिवित पार्नुभयो ।

news, Jesus went with His disciples to meet His sick friend. As they were walking, He said to His disciples, "My friend has already died but let us go nevertheless. Jesus reached his friend's village. When He arrived there, the dead body had been in the tomb four days already. Many people had come to give sympathy to the dead man's sisters. Hearing that Jesus was also coming, the oldest sister went to Jesus and meeting Him she said, "If you were here my brother would not have died, but I know whatever you ask of God, He will give to you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will be alive again," but she understood it to mean her own resurrection from the dead. Again Jesus said, "I am the One giving life and raising the dead. Whoever believes in Me although they die will live again. Anyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said, "Yes, Lord I believe you are the Christ that came to this world, the Son of God." Then she went and secretly called her younger sister. They went there. All the people were crying. Seeing this, Jesus also was sorrowful and said, "Where you have put my friend?" They said, "Lord come and see." The people there said, "The man who opened the eyes of the blind couldn't save this man who died?" With great grief, Jesus went to the tomb. The tomb entrance was covered with a stone. Jesus said, "Remove the stone!" The sister of the dead man said, "Lord, by this time the dead body may have started to smell because it's been four days already." Jesus said, "If you believe, you will see the glory of God." They removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father God, thank you that you hear my request. May the people here know that you only have sent me." Then in a loud voice He called, "Friend, come out!" Instantly the man came out bound in his burial clothes. Jesus said, "Free him from all the bindings and let him go." In this way, Jesus raised the dead to life.

२३ धनी मानिस र गरिब मानिस

सधै येशूले मानिसहरूलाई कथाद्वारा सिकाउनुहुन्थ्यो । यसरी कथा सिकाउने क्रममा येशूले भन्नुभयो, एकजना धनी मानिस थियो । उ सधै महंगो-महंगो कपडा लगाउथ्यो र मिठो-मिठो खाना खाएर सधै मोजमस्ती गरेर बस्थ्यो । मानिसहरूले उसको ढोकामा एकजना गरिब मानिसलाई ल्याएर राखिदिन्थे । उसको उसले त्यो धनी मानिसले खाईनसकेर फालेको टुक्रा टाक्री खाएर आफ्नो पेट भर्ने इच्छा गर्थ्यो। कुकुरहरूले पनि उसको घाउहरू चाट्थे ।

केहि वर्ष पछि त्यो गरिब मानिस मर्यो । स्वर्गदुतहरूले

23 Rich Man and Poor Man

Jesus used to teach people through stories. He said one story to them, "There was one rich man. He used to enjoy his life and dress with expensive clothes eating delicious foods. There was a certain poor man whom people used to bring and kept at the door of this rich man. He used to eat those pieces of food remained by eating that rich man. Dog's used to lick his sores.

After some years that poor man died. Angles took him to Abraham in the heaven. Rich man also died and buried. He

उसलाई स्वर्गमा अब्राहामको साथमा लगेर राखे । अनि त्यो धनी मानिस पनि मर्यो र गाडियो । त्यो नरकमा पुग्यो र त्यहाँ कठोर कष्ट भोगिरहेको बेलामा उसले आफ्नो आँखा उठाएर हेर्यो र टाढामा अब्राहाम र उनको साथमा त्यो गरिब मानिसलाई देख्यो । अनि उसले कराएर भन्यो, हे पिता अब्राहाम, म माथि दया गरेर त्यो मानिसलाई यहाँ पठाईदिनुहोस् । मलाई यहाँ आगोको ज्वालामा भयङ्कर बेदना र कष्ट भइरहेको छ । त्यसले आफ्नो औलोमा पानी चोपेर मलाई शितल पारिदेओस् ।

तर अब्राहामले भने, छोरो, याद गर, तैले आफ्नो जीवनकालमा धेरै मोज मस्ती गरिस् र त्यसै गरी यो मानिसले दुःखै दुख भोग्यो । त्यो अहिले यहाँ आराममा छ तँ चाहिँ कष्टमा छस् । यहाँबाट त्यहाँ जान नसकोस र त्यहाँबाट पनि कोही यहाँ आउन नसकोस भनेर तिमीहरूको बीचमा एउटा गहिरो धादो छ । उसले भन्यो, यसैकारण यो मानिसलाई मेरो घरमा पठाईदिनुहोस् किनकी मेरो पाचँजना भाईहरू छन् र त्यसले गएर तिनीहरूलाई चेतावनी देओस् तत्रता तिनीहरू पनि यो कष्टको ठाँउमा आउलान ।

तर उसले अब्राहामले भने, तिनीहरूसँग पवित्र धर्मशास्त्र बाइबल छ । तिनीहरूले त्यो पढ्न र सुनुन ।

तर उसले भन्यो, होइन पिता मरेका कोही एकजना तिनीहरूकहाँ गयो भनेता तिनीहरूले पश्चताप गर्नेछन् (त्यसको करा सुनेर आफैलाई सुधार्ने छन्) । अब्राहामले उसलाई भने, पवित्र धर्मशास्त्रका कुरा सुन्दैनन् भने मृतकबाट कोही जिवित भए पनि तिनीहरूले विश्वास गर्दैनन ।

went to hell and there he suffered with great pain. He lifted up his eyes where he saw Abraham far away and Lazarus with him. He cried and said, "O Father Abraham, please have mercy on me and send Lazarus to me. I am here in the flame of fire, suffering with great pain so he may put the tip of his finger in water and put it on my tongue to cool me.

But Abraham said, "son, remember, in your life time you enjoyed lot with good things but Abraham had sorrowful life. Now he is comforted here with me and you are tormented. There is deep chasm between us so that no one could go there and come out from there. He said, so please send this man to my home because I have five brothers so He goes and warns them otherwise they will also come in this painful place.

But Abraham said, "They have holy scripture Bible with them so they read and listen from there.

Then he said, if someone went to them from the dead, they will repent.(they will listen to him and correct themselves) Abraham said to him, " If they don't hear from Holy scripture then they will also not believe even if someone comes back from the dead.

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२४. येशूको पक्राउ, क्रुसमा मृत्यू र दफन

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येशू आफ्ना चेलाहरूसँग प्रार्थना गरिरहनुभएको थियो तर चेलाहरू चाहिँ निदाई रहेका थिए । उनीहरूका आँखाहरू लोलाई रहेका थिए । तब येशूले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, "जाग रहो र प्रार्थना गर, परिक्षामा नपर किनकी मलाई पक्रनलाई पापी मानिसहरू आउदैछन् । उहाँ बोल्दा बोल्दै बाह्रजना चेला मध्यको एकजना उहाँलाई धोका दिने चेला उहाँका विरोधीहरूले पठाएको तरवार र लाठा बोकेको एउटा ठूलो समुहसँग त्यहाँ आयो । धोका दिने चेलाले ति मानिसहरूलाई चिन्ह चाहिँ यस्तो दिएको थियो जसलाई म चुम्बन गर्छु उनैलाई पक्रनु अनि त्यो येशूको छेउमा गयो र चुम्बन गर्‍यो तर येशूले भन्नुभयो, "मित्र के तिमी चुम्बनद्वारा धोका दिन चाहान्छौ, तिमीले जे गर्न आएका हो त्यो गरिहाल यसरी पक्रन आएकाहरूले उहाँलाई पक्रे ।

येशूका एक जना चेलाले ती मानिसहरू मध्य एकजनाको कान काटी दिए तर येशूले त्यस मानिसको कान छोएर निको पार्नुभयो । तिनीहरूले येशूलाई मुख्य पुजाहारी कहाँ लगे र उज्यालो हुने बित्तिकै उहाँलाई ठूलो सभामा लगेर विभिन्न प्रश्न सोध्न थाले तर येशू एउटा ऊन कत्रन लगेको भेडा भै चुप

24. Jesus' Arrest and Crucifixion

Luke 22:39-48,54,66-71

Jesus was praying with his disciples but the disciples kept sleeping. Their eyes were drowsy. Then Jesus said, "Stay awake and pray. Don't fall into temptation because sinful men are coming to arrest me." As He was speaking, one of His twelve disciples who had been sent by those opposing Him came to betray Him with a huge group carrying swords and sticks. Arriving there, the betraying disciple had given the people a sign, "Seize the one whom I give a kiss." He went to Jesus' side and kissed Him, but Jesus said, "Friend, for this you have come, because you want to betray me with a kiss?" Immediately those that came to arrest him seized him in this way.

One of Jesus' disciples cut off the ear of one of the men in the crowd but Jesus touched the man's ear and healed it. They took Jesus to the high priest and right after dawn took him to a large gathering and started asking many questions but Jesus remained silent like a sheep before the slaughter. They also took him to the official and accused him, "We found this man deceiving our land saying He is the Christ and the king." The official asked Jesus, "Are you a king?" He answered, "You are saying it." The official said, "I

रहनुभयो । त्यहाँबाट पनि उहाँलाई हाकिम कहाँ लिएर आए अनि दोष लगाउन लागे, “यो मानिसले हाम्रो राष्ट्रलाई नै बहकाउन लागेको हामीले भेट्यायौं । यसले आफैलाई म खीष्ट र राजा हुँ भन्छ ।” तिनले येशूलाई सोधे, “के तिमी राजा हो ?” उहाँले जवाफ दिनुभयो, “तपाईं नै भन्नुहन्छ ।” तिनले भने, “म यी मानिसमा केहि पनि दोष भेट्याउदिन” तर त्यहाँ भएका मानिसहरूले भन दोष लगाउन थाले । तिनले येशू अर्कै इलाकाको हुन भनी सुनेर अर्कै इलाकाका राजा कहाँ पठाईदिए र त्यहाँको राजाले पनि उहाँको गिल्ला र आपमान गरेर पहिलाकै हाकिमकहाँ पठाईदिए तब तिनले भने, “राजाले पनि उनमा कुनै दोष भेट्याएनन् र म कहाँनै फर्काईदिए । हेर यिनले मृत्यु दण्ड पाउने काम गरेका छैनन, त्यसैले साधारण सजाए दिएर छोडिदिन्छु ।” त्यहाँ चाडको समयमा एकजना कैदलाई छोडिदिने चलन थियो त्यहाँ एक जना हत्याको दोष लागेर कैदमा परेको थियो । सबैले त्यसलाई छोड्नुपर्छ तर येशूलाई क्रुसमा टाँग्ने पर्छ भनेर कराउन थाले ।

तब ती हाकिमले येशूलाई तिनीहरूको ईच्छामा सुम्पिदिए । तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई काठको ठूलो क्रुस बोकाई लिएर गए । धेरै मानिसहरू रुँदै र विलाप गर्दै उहाँको उहाँको पछि लागे । तिनीहरूले दुईजना अपराधीहरूलाई उहाँसँगै मृत्यु दण्ड दिन लागे । जब उहाँलाई डाँडामा पुऱ्याए तब उहाँलाई हातमा काँटी, पाउमा काटी र शिरमा काँढाको मुकुट लगाई क्रुसमा टाँगे साथै दुईजना अपराधीलाई पनि उहाँको दायाँ र बायाँ क्रुसमा टाँगे । अनि येशूले भन्नुभयो, “हे पिता यिनीहरूलाई क्षमा गर्नुहोस किनकी यिनीहरू के गर्दैछन सो जान्दैनन” भन्नु तिनीहरूले गिल्ला गर्न थाले, “तँ परमेश्वरको खीष्ट होस् भने आफैलाई बचा” । क्रुसमा टाँगिएको एकजना अपराधीले पनि भन्यो, “ तिमी खीष्ट हो भने आफैलाई पनि र हामीलाई बचाउ” तर अर्कोले भन्यो, “तँलाई परमेश्वरको डर छैन ? हेर, तँ र म त आफ्नो कर्मको सजाय भोगिरहेका छौं, तर यिनी त निर्दोष छन् । हे येशू तपाईंको आफ्नो राज्यमा आउनुहुँदा मलाई सम्झनुहोस ।” उहाँले भन्नुभयो, “आजै तिमी म सँग स्वर्गमा हुनेछौं ।” मध्य दिउँसो नै अन्धकार छायो । सूर्य मधुरो भयो मन्दिरको पवित्र स्थानलाई घेरेर राखिएको पर्दा माथि देखि तल सम्म च्यातियो । येशूले ठूलो स्वरमा कराएर प्राण त्यागनुभयो । यो देखेर मानिसहरूले परमेश्वरको महिमा गरे कतिले छाती पिट्दै घर फर्के । एकजना धर्मी मानिसले उहाँको लाशलाई चिहानमा लगेर गाडे । त्यहाँ केही स्त्रीहरू पनि थिए । तिनीहरूले उहाँको चिहानमा ठूलो ढुङ्गा राखेको देखेका थिए ।

२५. येशूको बौरी उठाई, महान आज्ञा र स्वर्गारोहण

मत्ती २८:१-२०; लूका २४:१-८; प्रेरित १:१-१४

येशूलाई चिहानमा गाडेको तेस्रो दिनको बिहान केहि स्त्रीहरू चिहानमा आए । चिहानको ढुङ्गा हटाएको भेट्याए तर त्यहाँ येशूको शरिर पाएनन् त्यसैले उनीहरू अलमल्ल परिरहेका थिए । त्यसैबेला दुईजना स्वर्गदुतहरू देखा परेर भने, “तिमीहरू जीवीत व्यक्तिलाई मृतकहरूको विचमा किन खोज्दछौं ? उहाँ त जीवीत भएर तिमीहरू अघि मानिसहरू कहाँ जानुभयो । जाओ, र सबै जनालाई खबर गर ।

don't find fault in this man." But the people there started making more accusations. Hearing that Jesus was from another area's jurisdiction, He was sent to the king of that area who also mocked and did [aapamaan] and sent him back to the first official who then said, "The other king also found no fault in him and returned him to me. Look, he has not done anything worthy of a death penalty, so I will release him after giving him ordinary punishment."

At that festival time, the custom was to release one prisoner and there was one accused of murder. Everyone shouted that the murderer should be released but Jesus should be crucified.

Then the official handed over Jesus as they desired. They made Jesus carry a large wooden cross as they went and many people followed behind, weeping and wailing. They took him to the death penalty along with two criminals. When they got to the top of a hill, they cut his hands and feet and pierced his side with a spear and crucified him and the two criminals, one to his left and one to his right. And Jesus said, "Oh Father, forgive these because they don't know what they are doing."

Then they started mocking even more: "Save yourself so that you may be God's Christ!" One of the crucified criminals also said, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us as well!" But the other criminal said, "Don't you fear God? Look, you and I are bearing our own punishment but he is blameless. Hey, Jesus, remember me when you enter your own kingdom." Jesus said, "Even today you will be with me." In the middle of the afternoon, it became dark. The sun became dim and the curtain surrounding the holiest place of the temple tore from top to bottom. Shouting with a loud voice, Jesus gave up His spirit. Seeing this, people glorified God and some returned to their homes beating their chests. A righteous man took and placed His body in a grave. There were also some women there and they saw a large stone placed over the grave.

25. Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension

Matthew 28:1-20; Luke 24:1-8; Acts 1:1-14

The morning of the third day that Jesus had been buried, some women came to the grave. They found that the stone had been removed from the grave but Jesus' body was not there. They were very confused. At that time, two angels revealed themselves and said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is alive and has gone ahead of you showing Himself to people. Go and tell everyone the news!"

तिनीहरूले सबैलाई खबर गरे । सबैजनाकहाँ येशू देखा पर्नुभयो र उहाँ ४० दिनसम्म तिनीहरूसँग बस्नुभयो अनि चेलाहरूलाई महान् आज्ञा दिनुभयो, “सारा संसारमा जाओ चेला बनाओ पिता, पुत्र, पवित्र आत्माको नाउँमा बप्तिष्मा देओ । मैले तिमीहरूलाई आज्ञा गरेको सबै कुराहरू तिनीहरूलाई सिकाओ, हेर म युगको अन्तैसम्म सधैं तिमीहरूको साथमा छु म तिमीहरू कहाँबाट जाँदैछु तर पवित्र आत्मा तिमीहरूकहाँ पठाईदिने छु ।” एक दिन भोजमा बस्दा यस्तो भन्नुभयो, “तिमीहरू यो शहर छोडेर कतै पनि नजाओ तर पिताले गर्नुभएको प्रतिज्ञाको प्रतिक्षा गर किनभने अबको केही दिन पछि पवित्र आत्मामा तिमीहरूको बप्तिष्मा हेनेछ तर पवित्र आत्मा तिमीहरूमा आउनुभएपछि तिमीहरूले शक्ति पाउनेछौ र तिमीहरू आफ्ना वरी परी भएका मानिसहरूको विचमा अन्य ठाउँमा भएका मानिसहरूको विचमा र संसार भरि भएका मानिसहरूका विचमा मेरो साक्षी हुनेछौ । यो कुरा भन्नुभए पछि चेलाहरूले हेर्दा हेर्दै उहाँ माथि तिर उचालिनुभयो र बादलमा हराउनुभयो । तिनीहरू एक टक लाएर आकाश तिर हेरिरहेका थिए । त्यसैबेला अचानक दुई जना स्वर्गदुत हरू देखा परेर भने, “ए मानिसहरू तिमीहरू किन आकाश तिर हेर्छौ ? यही येशू जो स्वर्गमा उचालिनु भएको तिमीहरूले देख्यौ त्यसरीनै उहाँ आउनुहुनेछ ।” यो सुनेर चेलाहरू त्यहाँबाट फर्किएर नजिकै शहरमा भएको घरमा भेला भई येशूले भन्नुभएभै पिताको प्रतिज्ञालाई प्रतिक्षा गर्दै निरन्तर प्रार्थनामा लागीरहे ।

They told the news to everyone and Jesus revealed Himself to them for 40 days and nights and gave them a great command: "Go to all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Teach them all that I have taught you. Behold, I will always be with you until the end of the age. I am going from you but will send the Holy Spirit to you."

One day while sitting and eating He said, "Do not leave this city. Expect that which was promised by the Father because John baptized by water but after some days you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit comes you will receive power and be my witnesses among the people around you and to the uttermost parts throughout the world."

After saying these things, He rose upward and was lost in the clouds while the disciples kept staring up toward Him. They were staring toward the sky and suddenly two angels appeared and said, "Oh men, why do you stare up at the sky? Just as Jesus has risen up to heaven He will surely come."

Hearing this, the disciples returned from there and gathered in a house in the nearby city to abide in continuous prayer, expecting the promise of the Father just as Jesus had said.

२६. पवित्र आत्माको आगमन

प्रेरित २: १-२४, ३३, ३६-४६

प्रभु येशूका चेलाहरू परमेश्वरको प्रतिज्ञाको प्रतिक्षा गर्दै एउटा घरमा सबैजना भेला भएर निरन्तर प्रार्थना गरिरहेका थिए । त्यसै बेला त्यस ठाउँका मानिसहरूले पचासौ दिनमा मनाउने चाडको समय पनि थियो । स्वर्गबाट अचानक ठूलो बतासको भोका जस्तै एउटा आवाज आयो र तिनीहरू बसेको पुरै घर भरियो । आगोका फिलिङ्गा जस्ता देखा परे र भाग भाग भएर तिनीहरू हरेक माथि बसे अनि तिनीहरू सबै जना पवित्र आत्माले भरिए र पवित्र आत्माले दिनुभएको शब्द-उच्चारण अनुसार तिनीहरू विभिन्न भाषामा बोल्न लागे । चाडको समय भएको हुनाले स्वर्ग मुनि भएको हरेक देशबाट ईश्वरभक्त मानिसहरू त्यहाँ आएका थिए । ती मानिसहरूको आफ्नै भाषामा प्रभु येशूका चेलाहरूले बोलेको सुनेर तिनीहरूले एक आपसमा भन्न लागे, “के यी बोल्नेहरू चाहिँ यहि इलाकाका मानिसहरू होईनन र ? तर पनि कसरी हाम्रै भाषामा यिनीहरूले परमेश्वरको महान कार्यको चर्चा गरिरहेका छन् ।” तिनीहरू सबै आश्चर्य चकित भए र अन्योलमा परेर एउटाले अर्कोसँग यसो भन्न लागे, “यसको अर्थ के हो ? तर अरुहरूले भन्नलागे यिनीहरू कडा रक्सी खाएर मातेका छन् । तर पत्रुसले आफ्ना साथीहरूसँग उभिएर तिनीहरूलाई भने, “यहाँ भेला हुनु भएका सम्पूर्ण दाजुभाई, दिदी-बहिनीहरू तपाईंहरू सुन्नुहोस । तपाईंहरूले सोच्नु भए भै यिनीहरू मातेका छैनन । परमेश्वरको

26. Holy Spirit Comes on the Church

Acts 2:1-24,33,36-46

The disciples of the Lord Jesus gathered in a house and were continuously praying in expectation of God's promise. At that time, it was also the fiftieth day of a festival celebrated by the people of that place. Suddenly the sound like that of a big stormy wind came from heaven and filled the room where the disciples were. Something like sparks of fire were seen and each part settled on every person in the room and they all were filled with Holy Spirit and according to the languages given by Holy Spirit started speaking in different languages. Because it was festival time, religious people from every nation under heaven had come. Hearing the Lord Jesus' disciples speaking in the languages of the different places people had come from, they started saying, "Aren't these people who are speaking from this area? But how they are talking about God's great works in our own languages?" They were all surprised and started asking each other, "What does this mean?" But others said, "They are out of their minds from drinking strong alcohol." But Peter stood with his friends and said, "All you who are gathered here, brothers and sisters listen! They are not crazy as you think. These are the things told by those speaking for God, that in the end days this will happen. God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on my people. Your

कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताईदिने व्यक्तिले भनेको कुरा यही हो, की आखिरी दिनमा यस्तो हनेछ परमेश्वर भन्नुहुन्छ, “मेरो मानिसहरू माथि मेरो आत्मा खन्याईदिनेछ, तिमीहरूका सन्तानले भोलि हुने कुराको विषयमा बोल्ने छन् । युवाहरूले दर्शन देखेछन्, बुढापाकाहरू स्वप्न दर्शी हुनेछन् ।” ईसाएलका मानिसहरू सुन्नुहोस, “येशू यस्ता व्यक्ति हुनुहुन्थ्यो, जसलाई परमेश्वरका शक्तिशाली कामहरू अचम्मका चिन्हहरूद्वारा तपाईंहरूको अगाडि प्रमाणित गर्नुभयो । परमेश्वरको ठीक समयमा पक्राउ पर्नुभएको उहाँलाई अधर्मी मानिसहरूको हातद्वारा तपाईंहरूले क्रुसमा टाँगेर मार्नुभयो । तपाईंहरू सबैले यो जान्नुहोस कि जसलाई तपाईंहरूले क्रुसमा टाँगेर मार्नुभयो, उहाँलाई परमेश्वरले उहाँको शक्तिमा मृत्यूबाट जीवीत पार्नुभयो र सबैका प्रभु र खीष्ट बनाउनुभयो । उनै प्रभुले आत्मा खन्याईदिनुभयो र यिनीहरू यसरी बोल्दैछन् ।” यो सुनेर ती मानिसहरूको हृदय छिया-छिया भयो, अनि पत्रुस र अरु चेलाहरूलाई तिनीहरूले भने, “ए भाई हो, हामीले अब के गर्ने?” पत्रुसले भने, “पश्चताप गर र पाप क्षमाको निम्ति व्रिप्तिष्मा लेओ र तिमीहरूले पनि यो वरदान पाउनेछौ । यो वरदान येशूमा विश्वास गर्ने सबैलाई दिईनेछ ।” अझै धेरै कुराहरू येशूको बारेमा बताए र दुष्ट पुस्ताबाट फर्केर आफैलाई बचाओ भने । तब जस जसले उनको कुरा ग्रहण गरे तिनीहरूले व्रिप्तिष्मा लिए । व्रिप्तिष्मा लिनेहरूको संख्या प्राय तीन हजार थियो । यी सबै मानिसहरू चेलाहरूको शिक्षा, संझ्ती, प्रभुभोजमा र प्रार्थनामा भक्तिसाथ लागि रहन्थे । विश्वास गर्नेहरू सबै एकै ठाउँमा बस्थे । उनीहरूको सबै थोकहरू साझा हुन्थ्यो । एक आपसमा बाँडिचढी खान्थे । यसरी दिन प्रति दिन परमेश्वरले तिनीहरूको संख्यामा थपिदिनुभयो ।

descendants will speak about things of tomorrow. Youth will see visions, old people will dream dreams." Listen people of Israel, Jesus was the man who proved to you the wonderful and mighty works of God. In God's perfect time, he was arrested and crucified on the cross by the hands of unrighteous people. All of you know that the One you crucified and killed on the cross God gave power to rise from the dead and made Him Lord and Christ of all. The Lord poured out on these people the same Spirit and so they are talking this way." When the listeners heard these things, their hearts were pierced and they said to Peter and the other disciples, "Hey brothers, what should we do now?" Peter answered, "Repent and be baptised for the forgiveness of your sins, and you also will receive this gift. This gift will be given to all those who believe in Jesus." The disciples told them many more things about Jesus and told them to save themselves by turning away from the evil works of their ancestors. Then those who accepted their message took baptism. About three thousand people were baptized. All these people remained devoted in the disciples' teaching, fellowship and sharing the Lord's Supper. All the believers lived in one place, had all things in common and shared their meals. So, day by day God increased their numbers.

२७. लङ्गडो निको पारिएको

प्रेरित ३: १-२६ र ४: १-४

सधै भै प्रभु येशूका चेलाहरू पत्रुस र युहन्ना दिउँसोको समयमा प्रार्थना गर्न मन्दिरमा जाँदै थिए र एकजना जन्मै देखिको लङ्गडो मानिसलाई मानिसहरूले भिख माग्नेको लागी दिनहुँ मन्दिरको ढोकामा ल्याएर राखिदिने गर्दथे । पत्रुस र युहन्नालाई भित्र पस्न लागेको देखेर त्यसले केहि माग्यो तर तिनीहरूले त्यसलाई एक टक लाएर हेरे र भने, “हामी तिर हेर” त्यसले केहि पाउने आशा राखेर तिनीहरू तिर हेच्यो । तब पत्रुसले भने, “सुनचाँदी मसित छैन तर जे छ म तलाई दिन्छु । येशू खीष्टको नाउँमा हिड ।” तिनले त्यसको हातमा समातेर उठाए तुरुन्तै त्यसको गोडा र गोली गाठोहरूमा तागत आयो अनि जुरुक्कै उठेर खडा भयो र हिड्न थाल्यो र हिड्दै, उफ्रदै र परमेश्वरको प्रसंसा गर्दै तिनीहरूसँग मन्दिरमा पस्यो । अरु मानिसहरूले सधै ढोकामा भिखमाग्ने बसेको लङ्गडो मानिस एक्कासी, दौडदै उफ्रदै परमेश्वरको स्तुती गर्दै गरेको देखेर अचम्म माने । त्यो मानिस पत्रुस र युहन्नासँग बसिरहेको थियो । सबै मानिसहरू आश्चर्य मान्दै दौडदै त्यहाँ आए । तब पत्रुसले भने, “इसायलका मानिसहरू हो, यस कुरामा तपाईंहरू किन अचम्म मानेर हामीलेनै यस मानिसलाई हाम्रो शक्ति र भक्तिले हिड्न तुल्याए जस्तै गरी हामीलाई वाल्ल परेर हेर्नुहुन्छ ? हाम्रा पुर्खाका परमेश्वरले येशूलाई महिमित पार्नुभयो, जसलाई तपाईंहरूले चाहिँ पक्राइ

27. Peter and John Heal in Jesus Name

Acts 3:1-26; 4:1-4

As always, Jesus' disciple's John and Peter were going to the temple to pray in the afternoon and they saw a lame man whom people daily placed at the temple door so he could beg. Seeing Peter and John going in through the door, the lame man begged for something but they looked at him and said, "Look at us!" So he looked toward them, expecting to get something. Then Peter said, "I have no silver or gold but I will give what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ, walk!" He grabbed his hand and lifted the man. Immediately, power came into the man's joints and knees and he stood up straight and started walking, jumping and praising God and went inside the temple with them. All the other people were surprised, seeing that the lame begger who used to beg sitting at the door of the temple suddenly running, jumping and glorifying God. They were astonished. That man was sitting with John and Peter. All the people were surprised and came running to them. Then Peter said, "Hey, people of Israel, why are you staring and feeling shocked to see this man as if we delivered him from his lameness with our power and righteousness? The God of our ancestors has glorified Jesus whom you had arrested. Although

दिनुभयो, ती हाकिमले उहाँलाई छोडिदिने विचार गर्दा पनि तपाईंहरूले अस्वीकार गरेर एउटा ज्यानमारालाई छोड्न लगाउनुभयो । जीवनका कर्तालाई मार्नुभयो, जसलाई परमेश्वरले मृतकबाट विउँताउनुभयो । हामीहरू यसको साक्षी हौ । तपाईंहरूले धेरै अगाडि देखि देखेको यो लङ्गडो मानिसलाई उनै येशूबाट पाएको विश्वासले तपाईंहरू सामु पूर्ण निको पारेको छ । भाई हो! मलाई थाहा छ की तपाईंहरूले जे गर्नु भयो त्यो सबै अज्ञान अवस्थामा गर्नुभयो । परमेश्वरका कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताईदिने व्यक्तिहरूले खीष्टको विषयमा भनेका सबै कुराहरू उहाँले पुरा गर्नुभयो । यसकारण तपाईंहरू पश्चताप गर्नुहोस, फर्कनुहोस र आनन्द प्राप्त गर्नुहोस । जसले येशूलाई हामीहरूको निम्ति पठाईदिनुभयो । परमेश्वरले अब्राहमसँग यसो भन्नुभएको थियो, “तेरा सन्तानहरूद्वारा पृथ्वीका सबै कुलहरूले आशिष पाउनेछन् त्यही अनुसार येशूद्वारा सबैले आशिष पाउनेछन् ।” यसरी बोल्दै गर्दा त्यहाँका प्रधान पुजाहारीहरू र मन्दिरका अगुवाहरू त्यहाँ आए । उनीहरूले येशूमा विश्वास गरेमा बौरी उठिन्छ भन्ने कुरालाई विश्वास गर्दैन थिए त्यसैकारण पत्रुस र युहन्नालाई समाते । किनभने उनीहरूले येशूमा विश्वास गरे, हामी बौरी उठ्ने छौ भनी सिकाउँदै थिए । उनीहरूलाई भोलि पल्ट सम्म थुनामा राखे । त्यतिबेला सम्म उनीहरूको कुरा सुनेर विश्वास गर्नेहरूको संख्या प्राय पाँच हजार भएको थियो ।

२८. पत्रुस र युहन्ना थुनामा

प्रेरित ४:५-३१

पत्रुस र युहन्नालाई थुनामा राखेको भोलिपल्ट, त्यहाँको शासकहरू, धर्मगुरुहरू साथै पुजाहारी परिवारका सबै मानिसहरू त्यहाँ जम्मा भए र तिनीहरूले पत्रुस र युहन्नालाई सबैको बीचमा उभ्याएर सोधे, कुन शक्तिबाट वा कसको नाउँमा यो मानिसलाई निको पारेका हो ? तब पत्रुसले पवित्र आत्माले भरिपूर्ण भएर तिनीहरूलाई भने, मानिसहरूका शासक र धर्म गुरु हो, आज हामीले एउटा लङ्गडो मानिस प्रति असल काम गर्दा कुन उपायले निको पारेको भनेर प्रश्न गर्नु हुन्छ भने, “तपाईंहरू सबैलाई र इस्राएलका सारा मानिसहरूलाई थाहा होस कि जसलाई तपाईंहरूले क्रुसमा टाँगेर मार्नुभयो । परमेश्वरले उहाँलाई मृतकबाट जीवित पार्नुभयो उनै येशू खीष्टको नाउँमा यो मानिस निको भएर तपाईंहरूको अगाडी उभिएको छ । जसलाई तपाईंहरूले इन्कार गर्नुभयो, उहाँलाई परमेश्वरले उच्च पार्नुभयो । उनै येशू बाहेक स्वर्गमुनी अरु कसैमा मुक्ति छैन ।” जब तिनीहरूले पत्रुस र युहन्नाले यसरी सहाससँग बोलेको देखे र यिनीहरू अर्शाक्षित र साधरण मानिसहरू रहेछन् भनि थाहा पाए तब तिनीहरू छक्क परे र यिनीहरू येशूको साथमा रहन्थे भनेर थाहा पाए । साँच्चै यिनीहरूबाट अचम्मको काम भएको कुरा मानिसहरूले देखेका छन् तर अब यो कुरा धेरै मानिसहरूको बीच फैलाउन दिनु हुँदैन त्यसकारण येशूको नाउँमा केहि नबोल्नु भनी चेतावनी दिनुपर्छ । तब उनीहरूलाई बोलाएर अब उप्रान्त येशूको नाउँमा नबोल्नु र शिक्षा नदिनु भनी कडा आज्ञा दिए तर पत्रुस र युहन्नाले जवाफ दिए, “परमेश्वरको कुरा सुन्नु र मानिसको कुरा सुन्नु कुन चाहिँ ठिक छ तपाईं आफै विचार गर्नुहोस किनकी हामीले देखेका र सुनेका कुरा नबोली बस्नै सक्दैनौ ।” तिनीहरूले उनीहरूलाई सजाय दिने विचार गरे तर लङ्गडो

the official was thinking to release him, you rejected him. You rejected Jesus and had a murderer released. You killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead. We are witnesses of this. This lame man whom you have seen since a long time has been completely healed in your presence by the faith he got from Jesus. Brothers! I know that what you did you did in an ignorant condition. God fulfilled all that was said about Christ by the people He had speaking for Him. Therefore, repent, turn and receive joy from Him who sent Jesus to us. God had told Abraham, 'By your descendents all the earth will be blessed,' and according to that all will be blessed by Jesus."

As they were speaking, the chief priests and temple leaders came there and caught Peter and John because the people believed in Jesus, and because Peter and John were teaching that "we will also resurrect." The leaders put them into prison until the next morning. Up to that time, there were about five thousand people who heard them and believed.

28. Peter and John in Prison

Acts 4:5-31

The next morning after Peter and John were put into prison, the local rulers, religious teachers and all the priests family gathered there, had Peter and John stand in their midst and asked, "By what power and in whose name did you heal this lame man?" Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said to them, "Hey, rulers of the people and religious teachers. If we are questioned today about a good work done to a man who was lame, as to how he has been made well, take note and all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ whom you hanged on the cross. God gave back from the dead; even through him is this man now standing before you completely well. Whom you have denied, God has lifted. There is no other name under heaven in whom is salvation." When they saw how boldly Peter and John were speaking though they were uneducated and simple, they were surprised and realized they had been with Jesus. People saw that the miracle was happening in order to stop them spreading these things they planned to threaten and warn them not to talk in the name of Jesus. They called the disciples and strongly commanded them not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered, "Whether it is right before God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. We cannot refrain from speaking the things which we have seen and heard." They wanted to punish them but all the people were praising God because the lame man was healed. So the leaders threatened them some more and let them go. When the disciples were released, they returned to their

निको भएको कारण सबै मानिसहरूले परमेश्वरको प्रसंसा गरिरहेका थिए । त्यसकारण उनीहरूलाई अझै धम्क्याएर छोडिदिए । उनीहरू छुटकारा पाएर आफ्नो साथीहरू कहाँ गए र त्यहाँ भएका सबै कुराहरू बताए । तब सबैजना मिलेर प्रार्थना गर्न थाले, “हे प्रभु ती धम्क माथि नजर गर्नुहोस् र हामीहरूलाई अझै सहाससित तपाईंको वचन बोल्न दिनुहोस् । अझै विरामीहरू निको पार्न सहायता गर्नुहोस्,” प्रार्थना गरी सकेपछि तिनीहरू बसेको ठाउँमा कम्प भयो तिनीहरू सबैजना पवित्र आत्माले भरिएर भ्रन सहास सित परमेश्वरको वचन बोले ।

friends and told all that had happened. Then all of them prayed together, "O Lord, behold their threats and help us to speak your word with even more boldness. Help us to deliver people from sickness!" After they finished praying, the place where they were was shaken. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the Word of God with boldness.

२९. परमेश्वरसँग भ्रुटो बोल्दाको परिणाम

प्रेरित ४:३२-५:१-११

चेलाहरू भ्रन सहाससँग वचन बोल्न थाले । विश्वास गर्नेहरूको समुह सबै एकै हृदय र आत्माका भएका थिए । कसैले पनि धन सम्पति यो मेरो आफ्नो भन्दैनथे । सबैको सम्पति साझा हुन्थ्यो । तिनीहरू सबै येशू बौरी उठ्नु भएको हो भनी गवाही दिन्थे र तिनीहरूमाथि परमेश्वरको ठूलो अनुग्रह थियो । तिनीहरू आफ्नो जग्गा जमिन बेचेर येशूका बाह्रजना चेलाहरू कहाँ ल्याउथे र जसलाई जे खाँचो छ त्यहि बाँडिदिन्थे । त्यसै समयमा दुईजना श्रीमान र श्रीमतीले पनि आफ्नो एक टुक्रा जमिन बेचे र त्यसबाट आएको केही पैसा आफैसँग राख्ने र केही मात्र चेलाहरूकहाँ लिएर जाने सल्लाह गरे र श्रीमानले केहि पैसा लिएर चेलाहरूकहाँ गए । तर पत्रुसले भने, “ए भाई पवित्र आत्मसँग भ्रुटो बोल्न र जमिनबाट आएको पैसा केहि आफैसँग राख्ने कुरा शैतानले कसरी तिम्रो मनमा हालिदियो ? विक्रीहुनु भन्दा अगाडि त्यो तिम्रै थिएन र ? विक्री भएपछि पनि तिम्रै अधिकारमा थिएन र ? यस्तो काम गर्ने विचार कसरी तिम्रो हृदयमा आयो ? तिमिले मानिसहरूलाई त होईन तर परमेश्वरलाईनै ढाँटेका छौ ।” यो कुरा सुनेर ती मानिस लडे र तिनले प्राण त्याग गरे । यो सुन्नेहरू सबै माथि डर छायो । जवानहरूले तिनको लाशलाई लुगाले बेहरेर र बाहिर बोकी लगेर गाडिदिए । त्यसको केही समय पछि तिनकी श्रीमती पनि त्यहाँ आईन् । त्यहाँ के भएको हो तिनलाई केहि पनि थाहा थिएन । पत्रुसले त्यसलाई पनि सोधे, “मलाई भन के तिमिहरूले त्यो जमिन त्यतिमानै बेचेका हो ?” अनि तिनले भनिन, “ज्यू हामीले त्यतिमानै बेचेका हो ।” तब पत्रुसले तिनलाईलाई भने, “हेर तिम्रा श्रीमानलाई गाड्नेहरू ढोकामै छन् अब तिमिलाई पनि तिनीहरूले बाहिर लिएर जानेछन । अनि त्यस स्त्री पनि तुरुन्तै लडी र आफ्नो प्राण त्याग गरी । जवानहरूले त्यसलाई मरेको देखेर बाहिर लगे र उनलाई पतीको नजिकै गाडिदिए । सारा मण्डली माथि र सुन्ने हरेक सबै माथि ठूलो डर छायो । यसरी परमेश्वरले उहाँका जनहरू शुद्ध र पवित्रतामा जिउनुपर्छ भनेर सिकाउनुभयो ।

29. The Result of Lying to God

Acts 4:32-5:1-11

The disciples started speaking the Word with greater boldness. The group of believers were in one heart and spirit. Nobody said, "This is my personal property" because all was their common property. They all testified of Jesus' resurrection and the great grace of God was upon them. They sold their land and property and brought it to the twelve disciples who distributed them to the needy. At that time a man and his wife sold their part of a property and talked each other about keeping some of the money themselves and giving some to the disciples. That man took some of the money to the disciples. But Peter said, "Brother, how did Satan put it into your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep some money with you? Was it not yours before you sold it and was it not in your control after you sold it? How did you think these things in your heart? You have lied not to man but to God." Hearing these things, the man fell down and died. And all listening to this were filled with fear. Some youths came and took the dead body with burial cloth and buried it. After some time the man's wife also came there. She did not know what was happening there. Peter also asked her, "Tell me, did you sell that land for only this amount?" She answered, "Yes, we sold it for only that much." Then Peter said to her, "Look, the ones who buried your husband are at the door and now they will also take you." Instantly that woman also fell to the ground and died. Seeing her die, the youths came and took her body and buried her near to her husband's grave. All the church and those who heard about this were gripped with fear.

३०. येशूका चेलाहरूलाई सतावट

प्रेरित ५:१२-४२

प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टका बाह्रजना चेलाहरूका हातबाट धेरै चिन्हहरू र आश्चर्य कामहरू मानिसहरूको बीचमा हुन लागे । यहाँ सम्म कि धेरै टाढा-टाढा देखिका विरामीहरूलाई पनि त्यहाँ ल्याउँथे र पत्रुसको छाया मात्र पच्यो भने पनि निको हुन्छ भनी मानिसहरूले उनी हिड्ने बाटोमा ओछ्यान सहित विरामीलाई ल्याएर सुताईदिन्थे र धेरै रोगी विरामीहरू, अशुद्ध आत्मा लागेकाहरू निको हुन्थे । त्यसकारण प्रभुमा विश्वास गर्ने पुरुष र स्त्रीको संख्यामा भ्रन-भ्रन थपिन लाग्यो । यो देखेर प्रधान पुजाहारी र तिनी सँग हुने सबैजनाले डाह गर्न थाले र चेलाहरूको विरुद्धमा खडा भएर

30. Persecution of the Disciples

Acts 5:12-42

The twelve disciples of Jesus started doing many signs and miraculous work in the midst of the people. Not only this but many sick people came from far places believing if they merely touched the shadow of Peter they also would be healed. so they used to bring many sick people including evil spirit in the way waiting for the Peter and they used to be healed so the number of the believers of man and women increased on and on. When this happened the chief priest got jealous along with his people and they stood against the disciples and put them into prison but an angel came and

तिनीहरूलाई भ्यालखानामा हालिदिए तर एउटा स्वर्गदुतले राती भ्यालखानाको ढोकाहरु खोलिदिए र तिनीहरूलाई बाहिर ल्याएर भने, “जाओ र मन्दिरमा खडा भएर यस जीवनको सन्देश मानिसहरूलाई सुनाओ ।”

यो सुनेपछि तिनीहरु एका बिहानै मन्दिर भित्र पसे र शिक्षा दिन थाले तर प्रधान पुजाहारी र तिनीसँग हुनेहरुले चेलाहरूलाई भ्यालखानाबाट ल्याउन मानिसहरु पठाए । ती मानिसहरुले चेलाहरूलाई भ्यालखानामा नभेट्टाएपछि फर्कि आए र यस्तो खबर दिए, “हामीहरुले भ्यालखानामा ताला लाएको र पालेहरु ढोकामा उभिरहेको देख्यौं तर ढोका उघार्दा भित्र कोही पनि थिएन । यो सुनेर मुख्य पुजारी र त्यहाँ भएकाहरु अब के हुने हो भन्दै चेलाहरुको विषयमा अन्यालमा परे ।

त्यसै समयमा एक जना मानिस त्यहाँ आएर तिनीहरूलाई भन्यो, “तपाईंहरुले भ्यालखानामा राख्नुभएका मानिसहरु त मन्दिरमा मानिसहरूलाई शिक्षा दिईरहेका छन ।” तब मानिसहरु गएर तिनीहरूलाई समातेर ल्याए र माहासभाको अगाडि खडा गराए र भने, “हामीले तिमीहरूलाई येशूको नाउँमा कुनै शिक्षा नदिनु भनी कडा आज्ञा दिएका थियौं तर तिमीहरुले त भन सवै तिर फैलायौं तर पत्रुस र अरु चेलाहरुले भने, “हामीहरुले मानिसहरुको होइन तर परमेश्वरको आज्ञा पालन गर्नुपर्छ । हाम्रा पिता पुर्खाका परमेश्वरले येशूलाई मृतकबाट जीवित पार्नुभयो । जसलाई तपाईंहरुले क्रुसमा टाँगेर मार्नुभएको थियो र परमेश्वरले ईसाएलीहरुको पश्चातापको लागी र पाप क्षमाको निम्ति उहाँलाई राजा र मुक्तिदाता तुल्याईकन उच्च पार्नुभयो । यी सबै कुराहरुको साक्षी हामी छौं त्यसैले उहाँको आज्ञा पालन गर्नेहरुलाई उहाँले पवित्र आत्मा दिनुभएको छ” र जब उनीहरुले यो सुने तब उनीहरु ज्यादै रिसाए र चेलाहरूलाई मार्न खोजे तर त्यहाँ एकजना पण्डित थिए जसलाई मानिसहरुले अति आदर गर्दथे, उनले चेलाहरूलाई बाहिर पठाए र मानिसहरूलाई भने, “सुन्नुहोस, तपाईंहरुले ती मानिसहरूलाई जे गर्न आट्नुभएको छ त्यसमा होशियार हुनुहोस किनकी आज भन्दा केहि वर्ष अगाडि कोही कोही मानिसहरुले म केही हुँ भने र केहि मानिसहरु तिनीहरुको पछि लागे तर केहि समय पछि तिनीहरु त्यसै छरपष्ट भई हराएर गए र यी मानिसहरु देखि तपाईंहरु अलग बस्नहोस । यदि मानिसहरुको योजना अनुसार गरेको भए यो कुरा आफै मेटिन्छ तर परमेश्वरको इच्छा हो भने तपाईंहरु यिनीहरूलाई रोक्न सक्नुहुन्न । नत्रता तपाईंहरु परमेश्वरको विरुद्धमा उठेका ठहरिनुहुनेछ । तब उनीहरुले तिनका सल्लाह माने र चेलाहरूलाई भित्र बोलाएर पिते र “येशूको नाउँ नबोल्नु” भन्ने आज्ञा दिई तिनीहरूलाई छोडिदिए । तब तिनीहरु येशूको नाउँमा अपमान सहन योग्यका ठहरियौं भनी आनन्द मनाउँदै त्यहाँबाट गए अनि हरेक दिन मन्दिरमा घरघरमा गएर येशूनै खीष्ट हुनुहुन्छ भनी प्रचार गर्न थाले ।

opened the door of prison and brought them outside of the prison and said, "Go and stand in front of the temple and tell the message of life to the people." When they heard this the next morning they went inside the temple and started teaching the people but the chief priest and his people told disciple to bring to them from prison. When they didn't find them in the prison they returned back to them and brought his message, "We saw a guard in the door of the prison but the door was unlocked but when we opened the door there was nothing." So when the priests heard these things they were confused thinking what will happen now.

At the same time a man came to them and said, "The people you imprisoned are in the temple and are teaching the people." Then the people went and caught the disciples and brought them to the council and made them stand and said, "We commanded you not to teach the people in the name of Jesus but you have spread all around." So Peter and the other disciple said, "We have to obey God's voice rather than man's command. The God of our ancestors has raised Jesus from the dead whom you crucified on the cross and for repenting and redemption of the Israelites He lifted Him as king and made Him a savior. We are witnesses of all these things so whoever believes in Him, He has given the Holy Spirit." And when they heard this they got very angry and tried to kill the disciples. But there was one law priest whom people used to respect, he sent the disciples outside and said to the people, "Listen, be aware of doing anything to these people because many years ago many people came and said "I am" so people followed them and later they scattered and disappeared and be aware from these men's if this is the men's plan then it will be erased itself but if it is of God, you will not be able to overcome them, and you are in danger of fighting against God.

Then they agreed with his decision and they called the disciples into the room, beat them and warned them and commanded "Not to speak Jesus name" and they leave them. After this the disciple were so excited by the challenges they suffered and filled with joy saying, "We were worthy to suffer in the name of Jesus" and in this way they continued going everyday to the temple and house to house, preaching that Jesus is the Christ.

३१. सातजना सेवकहरुको नियुक्ति

प्रेरित ६:१-७

चेलाहरु हरेक दिन मन्दिरमा र घर घरमा गएर येशूनै खीष्ट हुनुहुन्छ भनी सिकाउन र प्रचार गर्न थाले । ती दिनमा जब चेलाहरुको संख्या भन-भन बढ्दै गयो । तब अरु भाषा बोल्ने केही मानिसहरुले चेलाहरूलाई उनीहरूका विधवाहरुले चाहिँदो भोजन पाएनन भनेर गनगन गरे । त्यसकारण बाह्रजना चेलाहरुले अरु चेलाहरुको समुहलाई बोलाएर भने, “परमेश्वरको वचन प्रचार गर्न छोडेर खुवाउने र पियाउने

31. Choosing of Seven Deacons

Acts 6:1-7

Every day, the disciples started going to the temple and house to house, teaching and preaching that Jesus is the Christ. In those days, the number of disciples increased. When the Hebrew, Greek and Jewish widows didn't get sufficient food, they murmured to each other. So the twelve disciples called all groups and said, "It is not right for us to give up preaching the word of God in order to make

सेवा गर्न हामीलाई उचित हुँदैन । यसकारण भाई हो, तिमीहरूबाट पवित्र आत्मा र बुद्धिले भरिएका र सबैजनाबाट आदर पाएका सात जना मानिसहरूलाई छान्नु जसलाई हामी यस काममा नियुक्त गरौं । तर हामी चाहिँ प्रार्थना र वचनको सेवकाईमा सम्पूर्ण समय दिनेछौं ।” यो कुरा त्यहाँ भएका सबै मानिसहरूलाई मन पर्यो र भेला भएका सबैलाई असल लाग्यो र तिनीहरूले पवित्र आत्मा र विश्वासले भरिएका अरु भाषा बोल्ने मानिसहरूबाट स्तफनस, फिलिप साथै अरु पाँचजनालाई छाने । तिनीहरूलाई बाह्रजना चेलाहरू कहाँ ल्याए र उनीहरूले तिनीहरूमाथि हात राखेर प्रार्थना गरे त्यसपछि परमेश्वरको वचन भन-भन बढ्दै गयो र चेलाहरूको संख्या येरुशलेममा अत्यन्तै बढ्यो । पुजाहारीहरू मध्ये धेरै जनाले येशूलाई ग्रहण गरे । यसरी बाह्रजना चेलाहरूले पवित्र आत्मा र बुद्धिले भरिएका सात जनालाई उनीहरूको काममा सघाउनको निम्ति नियुक्ति गरे ।

३२. स्तफनसको पक्राउ र भाषण

प्रेरित ६-८:१-३

चुनिएका सात जना सेवकहरू मध्य स्तफनसले परमेश्वरको अनुग्रहमा र शक्तिले भरिएर मानिसहरूको बीचमा ठूला-ठूला अचम्मका काम र चिन्हहरू गरे । तर कोही कोही मानिसहरूले उनीसँग वाद-विवाद गर्न थाले । तर उनी जुन बुद्धि र आत्माद्वारा बोल्दथे, त्यसको तिनीहरूले सामना गर्न सक्दैनथे । त्यसैले तिनीहरूले गोप्य रूपमा मानिसहरूलाई उक्साएर यसो भन्न लगाए, “यो मानिसले परमेश्वर र मोशाको विरुद्धमा निन्दा गरेर बोलेको हामीले सुन्यौं ।” अझै तिनीहरूले जनता र धर्मगुरुहरूलाई उनको विरुद्धमा भड्काएर उनलाई समाते, महासभाको सामु ल्याए र विभिन्न झुटा दोष लगाए । त्यहाँ भएका सबै मानिसहरूले उनलाई एक टक लाएर हेरे । किनकी तिनको मुहार स्वर्गदुत भै चर्किलो भएको थियो । त्यसपछि प्रधान पुजाहारीले स्तफनसलाई सोधे, “के तिमीलाई लगाईएको दोषहरू साँचो हुन ?” यो सुनेर उनले जवाफ दिए, “दाजु भाईहरू तथा बुवाहरू, मेरो कुरा सुन्नुहोस् हाम्रा पिता अब्राहामलाई परमेश्वरले प्रतिज्ञा र आशिष दिनुभयो । साथै यो पनि भन्नुभयो, “तेरो सन्तान ४०० वर्षसम्म अर्को देशको दास बनेर बस्नेछन । अब्राहामका छोरा इसाहाक र उनका छोरा याकुब थिए । याकुबका बाह्र जना छोराहरू थिए । ती छोराहरू मध्य योसेफलाई उनका दाजुहरूले बेचे र बेचिएर योसेफ मिश्र देशमा पुगे । केही वर्ष पछि सबै ठाँउमा अनिकाल परेको कारण याकुब र उनका सबै परिवार मिश्र देशमा पुगेर बसोबास गर्न थाले तर धेरै वर्ष पछि याकुबका सन्तानहरूलाई मिश्रीहरूले दास बनाए । तर हाम्रा परमेश्वरले मोशाद्वारा तिनीहरूलाई ४०० वर्षको मिश्र देशको बन्धनबाट छुट्टिकारा दिनुभयो । धेरै वर्ष उजाड स्थानमा अलमलिए । त्यसबेला सत्य परमेश्वरलाई त्यागेर सुनको बाछ्छोको मुर्ति बनाएर बलि चढाए । कति जना त्यहि मारिए । बाँचेकाहरूलाई परमेश्वरले अब्राहामसँग प्रतिज्ञा गरेको भूमिमा ल्याउनुभयो । दाउद राजाले परमेश्वरबाट कृपा पाए

distribution of food so select brothers from among us who have received the Holy Spirit and wisdom, to whom we may give control of this work. But we will give all our time to prayer and ministry of the teaching of the word." All the people liked it and felt happy. They choose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, Philip and five other leaders from various cultures and took them to the Apostles who put their hands on them and prayed for them. After that the word of God was increased and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem became very great, and a great number of priests accepted Jesus. In this way, the twelve disciples choose those leaders who were filled with Holy Spirit and had wisdom to help them in their work.

32. Stephen's Message and Martyrdom

Acts 6-8:1-3

Stephan was among the seven chosen leaders who, filled with God grace and power did great and miraculous work and signs among the people. Some people started arguing with him but Stephen used to speak in wisdom and spirit so the people used to be quiet before him. So they planned and made people to speak, "We heard this man speaking against God and Moses."

They made people and religious people against Stephen and caught him, they brought him in front of congregation and told lies against him. The people gather there sat holding their eyes because the face of Stephen was brightened like an angel. Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Is the case against you true?" Hearing this he answered, "Dear brothers and fathers, please listen. God blessed and gave promise to our father Abraham. And He also said, "Your descendents will be in slavery in a foreign country. Abraham's son was Isaac and Jacob was Isaac's son. Jacob had twelve sons. Among these sons Joseph was sold by his brothers. After being sold Joseph reached Egypt. After some years there was scarcity of food at all places. For that reason, Jacob and his all family came to Egypt and started living there. But after many years, the Egyptians made the Israelities their slaves. But our God delivered them through Moses from their 400 years slavery in Egypt. They spent many years confused in the wilderness. At that time, they left the true God and worshiped a golden calf idol. Some of them died there. God brought the survivors to the land which he had promised to Abraham. King David got God's grace and permission to build a temple for God. But the temple was built by his son although it is said that God doesn't dwell in places built by man. Those speaking for God also said, "Heaven is My throne and earth is My footstool. What house will you build Me, says the Lord, or what is the place of My rest? Aren't all these things made by my

र परमेश्वरको निमित्त मन्दिर निर्माण गर्न अनुमति पाए । तर मन्दिर चाहिँ उनको छोडाले बनाए तद्यापि मानिसहरूले बनाएको घरहरूमा परमेश्वर बास गर्नुहुन्न यी कुरा परमेश्वरका कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताईदिने व्यक्तिहरूले भनेका छन् , “स्वर्ग मेरो सिंहासन हो पृथ्वी मेरो पाउदान हो । मेरो निमित्त तिमिले कस्तो मन्दिर बनाउछौ? परमेश्वर भन्नुहुन्छ वा मेरो विश्रामस्थल कहाँ हुनेछ । के मेरो हातले यो सबै कुरा बनाएको होईन र? हे हठ्ठी, अट्टेरी हृदय र कान भएका मानिसहरू हो । तपाईंहरू ठीक आफ्ना पुर्खाहरू जस्तै हुनुहुन्छ । तपाईंहरू सदा पवित्र आत्माको विरोध गर्नुहुन्छ । तपाईंका पुर्खाहरूले परमेश्वरका कुरा मानिसहरूलाई बताईदिने सबै व्यक्तिहरूलाई सताए । जसले धर्मी जन आउने कुराको विषयमा बोले । त्यसलाई त तिनीहरूले हत्या पनि गरे । अब तपाईंहरूले उहाँलाई विश्वासघात गर्नुभयो र मार्नुभयो । स्तिफनसको कुरा सुनेपछि तिनीहरू अत्यन्त क्रोधित भए र रिसले दाढा किट्टन लागे तर स्तिफनस पवित्र आत्माले भरिपूर्ण भएर स्वर्गतिर हेरे । त्यहाँ उनले परमेश्वरको महिमा र उहाँको दाहिने पट्टी येशूलाई उभिरहनुभएको देखे । अनि तिनले भने, “हेर्नुहोस, स्वर्ग उघ्रेको म देख्छु र त्यहाँ परमेश्वरको दाहिने बाहुली पट्टी मानिसको पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ” यो सुनेर तिनीहरूले आफ्नो कान थुने र ठूलो स्वरले कराएर एक साथ तिनीलाई भ्रष्टे । घिसाउँ शहर बाहिर लगेर ढुङ्गाले हान्न थाले । तिनीहरूले आफ्नो कपडा शाऊल नाम गरेका मानिसको अगाडि राखे र जतिबेला तिनी माथि ढुङ्गा बर्सिरहेको थियो, स्तिफनसले यसरी प्रार्थना गर्न थाले, “प्रभु येशू मेरो आत्मालाई लिनुहोस् । त्यसपछि उनले ठूलो स्वरमा भने, हे प्रभु यो पापको दोष यिनीहरूलाई नलागोस” यति भनेर तिनले प्राण त्याग गरे । तिनको हत्यामा शाऊल को पनि सहमत थियो र त्यसैदिन यरुसेलममा भएका चर्चको विरुद्धमा ठूलो सतावट शुरु भयो । बाह्रजना चेलाहरू बाहेक अरु सबैजना नजिकैको शहर भरी तितर बितर भए । परमेश्वरका जनहरूले स्तिफनसको लाशलाई चिहानमा गाडे र उनको मृत्युमा गहिरो शोक गरे । तर शाऊलले चर्चहरू नष्ट गर्न थाले । तिनले स्त्री र पुरुषहरूलाई घर-घरबाट बाहिर घिच्याउदै ल्याए र तिनीहरूलाई भ्यालखानामा हाले । यसरी परमेश्वरको जनले दुख र सतावटमा पनि साहास सित परमेश्वरको वचन प्रचार गरे ।

hand? Oh, people of disobedient hearts and ears! You are the same as your ancestors. You always go against the Holy Spirit. Your ancestors persecuted all the people who told about the things of God who spoke about the subject of coming righteous person but they killed Him. Now you betrayed him and killed Him." When the people heard these things from Stephen they were filled with anger and gnashed their teeth. But Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Then he said, "Look, I see heaven opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But when the congregation heard these things they closed their ears and with a loud noise cried and attacked Stephen. They dragged him outside of the city and started stoning him. They put their clothing in front of a young man named Saul and as the stones rained on him, Stephen started praying, "Lord Jesus, take my soul!" Then he cried in a loud voice, "Oh Lord, don't blame these people for this sin!" After saying this he died. At the death of Stephen, Saul was also there among the people.

In that day, a big persecution started in the Church of Jerusalem. All the believers except the twelve disciples were scattered to other cities. God's people carried the dead body of Stephen to a grave and buried there and they put their deep condolence in his death. But Saul started destroying churches. He dragged men out of their homes and put them in prison. In this way people shared God's word boldly even while bearing trouble and persecution.

३३. जादुगरले परमेश्वरको शक्तिलाई पैसामा किन्न खोजेको

प्रेरित ८:४-२५

सतावटबाट तितर बितर भई जानेहरू जहाँ-जहाँ पुगे तिनीहरूले वचन प्रचार गरे र चुनिएका सात जना सेवकहरू मध्यका फिलिपले पनि यरुशलेम देखि नजिकैको शहरमा गई येशूको बारेमा प्रचार गर्न थाले । उनको मुखबाट निस्केको वचनहरू र उनले गरेका आश्चर्य कामहरू देखेर मानिसहरूले उनको वचनमा निकै ध्यान दिएर सुने । धेरैबाट दुष्ट आत्माहरू निस्के, धेरै रोगी र अपाङ्गहरू निको तुल्याए । त्यसरी त्यस

33. Sorcerer Tries to Buy God's Power

Acts 8:4-25

The believers who were persecuted and scattered preached the word of God wherever they went. Philip was one of the selected seven leaders who went from Jerusalem to nearby cities preaching about Jesus. The words he spoke and the wonders he performed made people pay attention to him. Unclean spirits came out of people, the sick and many handicapped were healed. Therefore the city was celebrated with great joy and happiness.

शहरमा ठूलो हर्ष र आनन्द छाियो । त्यसै शहरमा केही समय देखि एकजना मानिसले जादुगरी गर्ने गर्थ्यो । उसको जादुबाट त्यहाँका सबै मानिसहरु छक्क पर्थे । उसले आफू एउटा महान व्यक्ति भएको दावी गर्थ्यो । ठूलो र साना सबैजना उसको कुरा ध्यान दिएर सुन्थे र अचम्म मानेर यसो भन्थे, “ यो मानिस महाशक्ति भनिने इश्वरीय शक्ति हो ।” सबै मानिस त्यसको पछि लाग्दथे किनकी धेरै समय देखि तिनीहरुलाई उसले आफ्नो जादुले अचम्म पारेको थियो । तर जब त्यहाँका मानिसहरुले फिलिपको प्रचार सुनेर खीष्ट येशूमा विश्वास गरे, स्त्री र पुरुष सबैले बप्टिष्मा लिए । त्यो जादुगर आफैले पनि येशूमा विश्वास गर्‍यो र बप्टिष्मा लियो । फिलिप गएको सबै ठाउँमा उ पनि गयो र आफूले देखेका ठूलो चिन्ह र अचम्मका काम देखेर छक्क पर्‍यो । त्यस शहरमा भएका मानिसहरुले परमेश्वरको वचन ग्रहण गरेको कुरा जब यरुशलेममा भएका चेलाहरुले सुने तब तिनीहरुले पत्रुस र यूहन्नालाई तिनीहरुकहाँ पठाए । जब तिनीहरु त्यहाँ आईपुगे, ती मानिसहरुले पवित्र आत्मा प्राप्त गर्न सक्नु भनेर प्रार्थना गरे र किनकी कसैमा पनि पवित्र आत्मा अझै आउनुभएको थिएन । त्यसैकारण पत्रुस र यूहन्नाले तिनीहरुको टाउको माथि हात राखिदिए, अनि तिनीहरुमा पवित्र आत्मा आउनुभयो । पत्रुस र यूहन्नाले टाउकोमा हात राख्दा पवित्र आत्मा आउनुभएको जादुगरले देखेपछि, उसले तिनीहरुलाई पैसा दियो अनि भन्यो, “मलाई पनि यस्तै गर्न सक्ने बनाउनुहोस ताकी मैले जसको टाउकोमा हात राख्छु त्यसले पनि पवित्र आत्मा प्राप्त गरोस” यो सुनेर पत्रुसले जवाफ दिए, “तिमीसँगै तिम्रो धन सम्पत्ति पनि नाश होस, किनकी तिमिले परमेश्वरको वरदानलाई धनसम्पत्तिले किन्न सकिन्छ, भनी सौच्यौ । यो सेवाकार्यमा तिम्रो सहभगिता छैन किनकी परमेश्वरको सामु तिम्रो हृदय शुद्ध छैन । यस दुष्ट्याईको निम्ति पश्चताप गर र प्रभुसँग प्रार्थना गर । यस्तो दुष्ट विचार आफ्नो हृदय भित्र राखेकोमा उहाँले तिमिलाई क्षमा दिनुहुन्छ । किनकी म देख्छु की तिमि तितो पनले भरिपूर्ण र पापको बन्दी भएका छौ ।” यो सुनेर सिमोनले जवाफ दियो, “मेरो निम्ति प्रभुसँग प्रार्थना गरिदिनुहोस जसले गर्दा तपाईंले भन्नुभएका कुनैपनि कुरा म माथि नआओस ।” जब तिनीहरुले प्रभुको वचनको घोषणा गरे र त्यसको साक्षी दिए तब पत्रुस र यूहन्ना धेरै गाउँहरुमा सुसमचार प्रचार गर्दै यरुशलेम फर्के ।

In the same city, there was one person who was sorcerer, showing his powers to the people and astonishing them with his magic. He used to think himself as a great man. All old people and children used to listen and pay attention to him. When they got surprised they would say, "This man has godly power which is superpower." All the people used to follow him because since long time this magician surprised them with his magic. But when Philip came and shared the Gospel with them, they accepted Jesus Christ and all men and women took baptism. The sorcerer also listened to Phillip's preaching, accepted Jesus and took baptism. He went everywhere Philip went and was surprised seeing the great signs and wonders.

When the people of Jerusalem heard that people of this city had accepted God's word they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived there, they prayed for the people to receive the Holy Spirit because until that time the Holy Spirit had come upon none of them. Therefore, Peter and John put their hands upon the heads of people and the Holy Spirit came upon them. When the sorcerer saw that the Holy Spirit came to people as Peter and John put their hands on them, he gave money to them and said, "Please make me like you so that I can also put my hands on people so they may receive Holy Spirit." When Peter heard this he answered, "May you be destroyed along with your property because you thought that you could buy God's gift with money and your property. You have no involvement in this ministry because you have no pure heart before God. Repent for your evil thoughts and pray to God. He will forgive you for your bad thought which you put into your heart because I see you are filled with bitterness and are a slave of sin." When the magician heard this he said, "Please pray to the Lord for me so that I may be forgiven from the things you said and it may not upon me."

After Peter and John went to many villages giving witness and sharing the Gospel, they returned back to Jerusalem.

३४. फिलिप र नपुंसक

प्रेरित ८:२६-४०

त्यसको केही समय पछि एकजना स्वर्गदूतले फिलिपसँग यसो भने, “ यरुशलेमबाट दक्षिण मरुभूमिको बाटो जाउ” यो सुनेर तिनी त्यतैतिर लागे । बाटोमा तिनले एकजना अफ्रिकाकी महारानीको सम्पूर्ण सम्पत्तीको रेखदेख गर्ने उच्च अधिकारीलाई भेटे र ती मानिस यरुशलेममा आरधना गर्न गएर फर्किरहेका थिए । घर फर्कदा आफ्नो रथमा बसेर धर्मशास्त्रको एउटा खण्ड पढी रहेका थिए र तब पवित्र आत्माले फिलिपलाई भन्नुभयो, “जाउ र त्यो रथलाई पछ्याउ” फिलिप दौडदै रथको नजिकै पुगे र ती मानिसले धर्म शास्त्रको खण्ड पढेको सुनेर उनले सोधे, “के तपाईंले पढिरहनुभएको कुरा बुझ्नुहुन्छ

34. Philip Baptizes an African Leader

Acts 8:26-40

After some time an angel said to Philip, "Go from Jerusalem to the southern desert road." When he heard this, he went that way. On the road, he met an African queen's treasurer who used to manage all her property. He was returning back from doing worship in Jerusalem. While returning back to his home he was on his chariot reading some scripture. The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go and follow that Chariot!" Philip ran and caught up to the chariot. He asked the person who was reading from the scripture, "Do you understand that what you are reading?" The man answered, "How

?" तब तिनले भने, "कसैले मलाई नबताईदिए सम्म म कसरी बुझ्न सक्छु र ?" अनि तिनले फिलिपलाई आफूसँगै रथमा बस्न अनुरोध गरे । तिनले पढिरहेको खण्ड चाहिँ यो थियो, "जसरी भेडा काट्न लगिन्छ त्यसरीनै उहाँलाई लगियो र जसरी उन कत्रनेका सामु भेडा चुप लागेर बस्छ त्यसरीनै उहाँले पनि आफ्नो मुख खोल्नुभएन । उहाँको अपमानित अवस्थामा उहाँलाई न्याय मिलेन, उहाँको पुस्ताको कसले वर्णन गर्न सक्छ ? किनकी उहाँको जीवन पृथ्वीबाट हटाईयो । ती मानिसले फिलिपलाई सोधे, "कृपया मलाई भन्नुहोस, यहाँ लेखकले कसको बारेमा कुरा गर्दैछन आफ्नै बारेमा वा अरु कसैको बारेमा ? त्यसपछि फिलिपले धर्मशास्त्रको त्यही खण्डबाट तिनलाई येशूको सुसमाचार सुनाए । उनीहरु बाटोमा जाँदै गर्दा केही पानी भएको ठाउँमा आईपुगे । अनि ती मानिसले भने, "हेर्नुहोस यहाँ पानी रहेछ मलाई वृष्टिष्मा लिनबाट कसले रोक्न सक्छ ?" फिलिपले भने, "यदि सारा हृदयलेनै विश्वास गर्नुहुन्छ भने तपाईंले वृष्टिष्मा लिन सक्नुहुन्छ ।" तिनले जवाफ दिए, "येशू ख्रीष्टनै परमेश्वरको पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ भनी म विश्वास गर्दछु ।" ती दुवैजना पानीमा पसे र फिलिपले तिनलाई वृष्टिष्मा दिए । तर जब उनीहरु पानीबाट बाहिर उक्लेर आए तब प्रभुको आत्माले फिलिपलाई पक्रेर लानुभयो तिनले फिलिपलाई फेरि देखेनन् तैपनि तिनी आनन्दित हुँदै आफ्नो बाटो लागे तर फिलिप अर्कै ठाउँमा देखा परे । त्यहाँबाट पनि सबै शहरहरुमा सुसमाचार सुनाउदै अर्कै ठाउँमा गए । यसरी पवित्र आत्माले उहाँका जनहरुलाई उहाँको वचन नसुनेका मानिसहरु कहाँ पुरयाउनु हुन्छ ।

could I understand unless some one tells me?" He requested Philip to come up on the chariot and sit with him. The scripture he was reading said, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter and as a lamb silent before its shearer, so he didn't open his mouth. In this humiliation His justice was taken away and who can declare his generation? For His life is taken from the earth." Then the man asked Philip, "Please tell me of whom the writer says this, of himself or of some other?" Then Philip opened that same scripture and preached the gospel of Jesus to him.

As they were on the way, they came to a place where there was some water. The man said, "See, here is water. What can stop me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The man answered and said, "I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God." They both went down into the water and Philip baptized him but when they came up of the water, the Spirit of Lord caught Philip away so that the man didn't see him but went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was taken to another place, and he went on preaching to all cities.

This is how the Holy Spirit leads his people to those who haven't heard the word of God.

३५. सताउने मानिसलाई चुन्नु भयो

प्रेरित ९:१-३१

स्तिफनसको हत्यामा सहभागी हुने ती शाऊलले अझै पनि चेलाहरुलाई मार्ने धम्की दिईरहेका थिए र साथै विभिन्न ठाउँका विश्वासी पुरुष र स्त्रीहरुलाई बाँधेर यरुशलेममा ल्याउन पाउ भनी प्रधान पुजाहारी सँग अनुमति पनि मागे । यस्तै क्रममा उनी एकदिन बाटोमा हिंड्दै गर्दा अचानक स्वर्गबाट एउटा ज्योती उनी वरिपरि चम्क्यो । उनी भुईंमा लडे र कसैले उनलाई यसरी बोलाई रहेको सुने, "शाऊल, शाऊल किन तिमी मलाई सताउछौ ?" तिनले भने, "प्रभु तपाईंको हुनुहुन्छ ?" उहाँले भन्नुभयो, "म येशू हुँ, जसलाई तिमीले सताईरहेका छौ अब उठेर शहरमा जाऊ र तिमीले जे गर्नुपर्छ सो तिमीलाई बताईदिनेछु ।" तिनीसँगै यात्रा गरिरहेका मानिसहरु चुपचाप उभिए, किनकी तिनीहरुले आवाज त सुने तर कसैलाई पनि देखेनन । शाऊल भुईंबाट उठे तर जब तिनले आफ्ना आँखाहरु खोले उनले केही देख्न सकेनन् त्यसैले अरुले उनलाई डोऱ्याएर नजिकैको शहरमा ल्याए । उनी तीन दिन सम्म केहि पनि नदेखे भए न त खाना खाए न त पानी नै पिए । त्यहि शहरमा प्रभुका एक जना चेला पनि थिए । उनलाई प्रभुले सपनामा दर्शन दिनुभयो र भन्नुभयो, "तिमी पर जाउ र त्यहाँ एउटा बाटोको नजिकै घरमा शाऊल नाउँ गरेको मानिसलाई भेट । जो त्यहाँ प्रार्थना गरिरहेको छ । उसले दर्शनमा तिमीले उसको टाउको माथि हात राखेर प्रार्थना गरेर उ निको भएको देखेको छ । तिनले जवाफ दिए, "प्रभु त्यस मानिसले यरुशलेममा हजुरका चेलाहरुलाई सताएको र तिनीहरु माथि गरेको अत्याचारहरुका बारेमा मैले धेरै जनाबाट सुनेको छु

35. God Chooses a Persecutor

Acts 9:1-31

Saul who was involved in the murder of Stephen was still threatening the disciples. He went to the high priest to request permission to bind men and women from Jerusalem and believers from other places. In this way, one day he was walking in the way, suddenly the light shone around him from heaven. He fell to the ground and heard a voice calling him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He said, "Lord, who are you? Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting? Now arise and go into the city and I will tell you what you have to do." The other men traveling with him stood in silence because they heard a voice but didn't see anybody. Saul arose from the ground but when his eyes opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him to a nearby city. He was without sight for three days and neither drank or ate anything.

In the city, there was one of the Lord's disciples to whom the Lord said in a vision, "Go to the street and nearby the road meet with a person called Saul. He is praying there. He has seen a vision that you put your hand on him and pray that he might receive his sight." He answered, "Lord I have heard from many about this man, how he has persecuted and harmed Your disciples. He has taken authority from the chief priest to bind all who believe in You and for these things he came here." But the Lord said to him, "Go because I have chosen him to preach my name before people of all tribes, kings and the people living in Israel. I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." Then he went inside the house and put his hands upon Saul's head and said,

यहाँबाट पनि तपाईंलाई विश्वास गर्नेहरूलाई बन्दी बनाएर लैजान प्रधान पुजारीबाट अधिकार लिएर त्यो मानिस यहाँ आएको हो ।” तर प्रभुले तिनलाई भन्नुभयो, “तिमी जाउ किनकी इस्राएलमा रहनेहरू, विभिन्न जातका मानिसहरू र राजाहरूको बीचमा मेरो नाउँको प्रचार गर्न मैले तिनलाई चुनेको छु । मेरो नाउँमा तिनले कति सम्म दुख भोग्नुपर्छ म तिनलाई देखाउनेछु ।” त्यसपछि तिनी त्यस घर भित्र गई शाऊलको टाउकोमा हात राखेर उनले यसो भने, “भाई शाऊल तिमी यस शहरमा आउँदा तिमीलाई बाटोमा दर्शन दिनुहुने प्रभु येशूले तिमीले देख्न सक् र पवित्र आत्मा भरिपूर्ण होउ” भनी मलाई यहाँ पठाउनुभएको छ । तुरुन्त तिनका आँखाबाट पात्रा जस्ता केही कुरा खसे र तिनी फेरि देख्न सक्ने भए तब उठेर वप्टिष्मा लिए । अनि भोजन खाएर तिनले बल पाए । त्यस शहरमा शाऊलले चेलाहरूसँग धेरै समय बिताए । अनि तुरुन्तै येशू परमेश्वरका पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ भनेर सबै मानिसहरूका सामु प्रचार गर्न शुरु गरे । तिनका कुरा जति जनताले सुने तिनीहरू छक्क पर्दै यसो भने, “के यो त्यहि मानिस होईन जसले येशूमा विश्वास गर्ने मानिसहरूलाई सताउने गर्थ्यो ? त्यति मात्र होईन यहाँ पनि ती मानिसहरूलाई समातेर प्रधान पुजाहारी कहाँ सुम्पन यो आएको होईन र ?” तर शाऊल भन भन शक्तिशाली हुँदै प्रचार गर्न थाले । त्यहाँ भएका सबै मानिसहरूका बीच येशूनै खीष्ट हुनुहुन्छ भनी प्रमाणित गरी तिनीहरूलाई छक्क पारे । धेरै दिन पछि कति मानिसहरूले उनलाई मार्ने योजना बनाए । त्यसैकारण अरु उनका साथीहरूले उनलाई त्यहाँबाट भगाए । उनी यरुशलेममा पुगेपछि त्यहाँ चेलाहरूसँग मिल्न खोजे तर उनलाई विश्वास गरेनन् तर पछि येशू तिनी कहाँ देखा पर्नु भएको कुरा थाहा पाए पछि उनलाई तिनीहरूसँगै राखे र शाऊलले यरुशलेममा भएका विद्वान मानिसहरूको बीचमा प्रचार गरे तिनीहरूसँग धेरै वाद-विवाद भयो । त्यसैले उनलाई मार्न खोजे तर साथीहरूले त्यहाँबाट अर्कै ठाउँमा पठाए । त्यस समयमा सबै चर्चहरूमा शान्ती छायो सबै मानिसहरू आत्मा भरिपूर्ण भए र उनीहरूको संख्यामा वृद्धि भयो । मानिसहरू भन प्रभुको भएमा जिउन थाले । यसरी उहाँले सताउने मानिसलाई पनि चुन्नुभयो ।

"Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road as you came sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with Holy Spirit." Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and he received his sight again. He arose and was baptized. Then he received food and was strengthened.

Saul spent a lot of time with other disciples in that city. And immediately he started preaching that Jesus is the Son of God. Then all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is this not the one who destroyed those who called on his name in Jerusalem and has come here for that purpose so that he might bring them bound to the chief priest?" But Saul increased all the more in strength and started preaching. He proved to the people that Jesus is the Christ. And they were amazed. After many days, people made a plan to kill him but his friends helped him escape from there.

When he reached Jerusalem, he tried to meet with other disciples but they didn't believe him. But when they noticed that he had seen the Lord on the road, they took him in with them and Saul preached to the wise and intelligent people of Jerusalem having many arguments/debates with them. They tried to kill him but his friends sent him to another place.

At that time, all the churches had peace. All people were filled with the Spirit and their numbers increased. People started living in the Lord's presence.

This was how God choose a person who persecuted Him.