

DEVOTIONAL

Psalm 1:1-3 *“Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, and has not stood in the way of sinners, and has not sat in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is only in the Law of The Lord; and in His Law he meditates day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its seasons, and its leaf shall not wither, and all which he does shall be blessed.”*

Who is the one who is like a tree planted by the rivers?

It is the one who delights himself in the Law of the Lord. To delight is to rejoice in, to find pleasure, happiness and satisfaction. Instead of finding happiness in the world and the activities of the world, he finds it in the word of God. The truth of God is not offensive or distasteful to him as the Psalmist writes Psalm 19:7,10 *“The Law of the Lord is perfect... more to be desired than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. But his delight is only in the Law of The Lord; and in His Law he meditates day and night”* The one who thinks about and meditates on the Law of the Lord is also the one who is governed by the Lord and His word. The Hebrew word law (tôrâh) means instruction, precept, command. It was originally applied specifically to the Pentateuch or law and then the word was used in a more general sense, to be applied to all the books of the Old Testament. The same principle would apply to any part of a divine revelation; and therefore this would now also include for us the New Testament.

And in his law – On his law, or his truth. *“He does meditate.”*

The meaning here is, he thinks of it; he endeavours to understand its meaning; he has pleasure in reflecting on it. It is not a subject which he puts out of his mind, or to which he is indifferent, but he keeps it before his mind, and delights in it as to desire to become more acquainted with it, and to have its truths written on his heart.

The result is that *“he brings forth fruit in its seasons, all he does is blessed.”* How is this fruit produced? John 15:16 *“You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.”*

What is the fruit that he brings forth? Continual praise to the Lord. Heb 13:15 *“By Him, then, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, confessing His name.”*

The fruit of the spirit Gal 5:22-23 *“But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control.”*

The person who knows the Lord intimately and who delights to do His perfect will, lives and works in such a man-

ner, that Christ is seen in them as they produce the promised fruit and that the Father is glorified by this in all that they say and do.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH CHALLENGE



India

Carl Carmody has just returned from a week in India, the trip has well and truly exceeded all our expectations. Carl and Jonathan James met with the Destiny Communication Director, Sheldon Samuel, and Special Projects Director for Destiny Rene Oomen. We took time to do a review of our first edition of Destiny newspaper which from all reports has been very well received.



Jonathan James, Sheldon Samuel and Rene Oomen

With an initial print run of 50,000 papers we are now delighted to report that we are going to increase our second print run to 75,000 papers. The response from pastors and leaders on this trip was very encouraging, most were quite surprised that such a tool was being produced and presented to them for evangelism. One pastor was so encouraged he inquired if he could have 20,000 papers for outreach in his particular area. Whilst it is great to have that sort of response, of course there is always the great difficulty of being measured and balanced in how we provide the paper which at this stage is free of charge to churches

Destiny Communications is taking a three pronged approach to evangelism. Firstly with the printed word via the newspaper, secondly the spoken word with the radio programme (broadcast from HCJB Kununurra),



Indian Funeral Van

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and thirdly an evangelistic website under the Destiny banner.

Technology and the western influence is growing exponentially and during my recent visit, I saw many young men riding motorbikes with a laptop attached to their back. The size of this emerging 'urban dweller' population is around 300 million, so we realise that an initial print run of 50,000 papers means there is a mammoth task before us. Destiny's three-pronged approach will allow us to reach this region on a regular basis.

Next year, we want to begin developing our first language edition in Hindi and then produce a Tamil edition. This requires a lot more involvement in terms of the translation process and also added funding to continue printing as distribution numbers increase. It is hoped this will help us reach most of the urban Indian population.

In India there are places where



Rene Oomen



Sheldon Samuel

there is considerable antagonism towards the Christian population and that can often include some rather violent means. We are also aware that when we launch out into a venture like this the enemy never rests, so we covet your prayers for the safety and protection of those that are involved.

We would also value your prayer for Sheldon Samuel our Director and also for Rene Ooman who is overseeing, as one of his first jobs, the development of a discipleship training centre. Jonathan's dad, GD James, once said to me 'it is very important that fish caught stay in the boat' and this discipleship training centre is one of the means by which we want to see Christians well trained in making disciples. So pray with us as we endeavour to see these things come to pass in the not too distant future. For those who are conscious of the practical needs here we would covet your prayers for sufficient finances to do the things we believe God has called us to do as a partnership with Challenge Literature Fellowship and Asia Evangelism Fellowship International/Destiny Communications.

Thanks for your fellowship and oneness of heart, mind and vision for this project.



Jonathan James,

Warm regards – Carl Carmody

POINTS TO PONDER

PRAYER AND PRAISE POINTS

Prayer

- India: funding for the ongoing partnership of CLF and AEFI, The great challenge is how to effectively fund this task. At this stage the amount of money required per month is rapidly approaching a combined total of \$8,000 with a present print run of around 75,000 papers, and we are then looking to increase each edition to reach the target of 100,000 by the end of the year. We are asking the Lord's people to keep praying with us as we endeavour to make a difference in this huge population, where the percentage of Christian is around the 2-3% mark.
- For the work in Southern and Central America,
- For the initial print for Brazil
- Team on Impact Africa trip for safety and for the individuals going that the Lord may encourage them in

their own faith and also for the various ministry areas being prisons, squatter camps, hospitals, door to door and street evangelism

Praise

- Funds that have come in for printing of the paper in India and for the registration fee of the paper.
- The initial print run and distribution of the paper in India and the encouraging feedback
- For the new orders that we are receiving from around Australia.
- For the faithful supporters who do pray for the work of Challenge.
- For the commitments that continue to come in from around the world.
- For the work that Tim Pearce is able to do to update our web site.



MY RESPONSE

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