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Bible reading: Matthew 11:28 (KJV)

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Good morning everyone,

Today I will talk about Sundar Singh, a famous person from India to whom Jesus appeared.

In modern days when science and technology have advanced and as a result Christianity has lost much of its glamour, God sent a particular person to testify to Jesus and to God: a person from India named Sadhu Sundar Singh.

He was born into a Sikh family in the village of Rampur Kataania, in Punjab, in the Northern part of India. He was born into a wealthy family and was raised in the warm love of his parents. He was born in 1889 and was very religious from an early age. At age seven he was able to recite the Indian scriptures, and he went on to study the Bible and the scriptures of other religions as well.

The more he studied religion and religious philosophy, the greater desire he had for truth and this was not being satisfied. So he went and visited various famous saints in India to try to fulfill his desire for truth but no one was able to satisfy him. When he was in school he was actually very anti-Christian. At one point, he even poured oil on the Bible and burnt it. He got into trouble because of his anti-Christian feelings, so his father had to send him to a different school.
He was a very faithful Sikh believer and he claimed that Sikhism was the way. In his search for the truth he also engaged in meditation, but he continued to struggle over his desire for greater knowledge. At one point he began to think, “Well maybe these Bibles that I have been tearing up, maybe they have something to say after all. Maybe there is something good in them!”

So he took a Bible, opened it at random and his eyes fell on this verse: Matthew Ch. 11:28, “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Reading that verse made him feel better; he received a great inspiration from that but still he could not cast off his traditional religion of Sikhism. He realized that the Bible had something to offer but it was nevertheless very difficult for him to become a believer.

He would go to his teacher and ask questions; he also asked the teacher to instruct him in things that he did not know. At another time he opened the Bible again and he came to John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” This verse gave him great inspiration again.

But he still did not have the slightest feeling that he needed to believe in Jesus. So his heart was troubled even more by his self-contradiction and his suffering. He struggled so much and was so disturbed that he even thought of committing suicide, so that he would go to the spirit world and search for the truth there.

He put his life on the line in his search for truth but still it was not easy for him to find the truth that would satisfy him. He began to rise very early in the morning- this was in December- to wash himself clean with cold water as a spiritual condition. He begged, “If there is a God, please appear to me!” He added in his prayer, that if he was praying with this kind of sincerity and still God did not appear to him, then he would throw himself on the railroad track; there was a 5 o’clock train that passed by his house every day and he would throw himself on that railroad track and commit suicide.

And then at about 4:40, thirty minutes before the train was to come, he had a very strange experience. He later testified as follows: in the room where he was praying he saw a golden light and he thought at first that something was on fire. He looked around but could not find anything that was on fire. So he felt, “This must be the answer that God is giving me.” He looked into the light and began to intuit, “Oh, this must be Jesus Christ appearing to me!”

This was how he felt at the time. He sensed that God and Jesus were appearing to him in glory. A very precious and holy phenomenon was taking place before his eyes. He said that if any god from the Indian religions had appeared to him he would have immediately bowed before that god. If this had been the case he would have been so joyful, and he would have fallen down on his face and worshipped that god.

But he believed, “This is Jesus whom I have been cursing just up until a couple of days ago!” He mentioned that he heard Jesus speak to him in the Indian language and in his own native
language. He heard Jesus express to him, “Why do you persecute me? I died on the cross for the entire world. I want you to understand this. “

At that moment he came to realize and have the conviction that Jesus died on the cross but that actually he did not die. He still lived! And he felt that he was in fact in the presence of Jesus Christ himself. So he fell down on his face with tremendous peace in his heart. He felt, “This is the peace that I have been searching for! This is what I have so desired!” When Sundar Singh rose again he could no longer see Jesus but that feeling of peace in his heart remained with him for the rest of his life.

He went to his father who was asleep and he woke him up and said, “I have become a Christian believer!” His father told him, “Go back to sleep! You were tearing up Bible just a couple of days ago! What do you mean you became a Christian? I can’t believe that!” He told his father, “I witnessed with my own eyes that Jesus Christ still lives.” And he declared, “From this moment on I will follow Jesus. From this day I am a disciple of Jesus and I will serve Him!”

He experienced Jesus appearing to him as fire, and this completely changed his philosophy. He felt that he had been born again, and he made the decision to be a witness to Christ, to bring the news of Christ to the people of the 20th century.

When I think of Sundar Singh I am reminded how the 2nd King of CIG always tells us how True Father is conducting his works of the spirit through him. The 2nd King has said, “I don’t speak just whatever I want to say. It is Father who is speaking through me!” and when I heard this I was deeply inspired. The 2nd King maintains, “Father tells me what to say so I don’t just speak whatever I want. I just express what Father directs me to.” I heard him testify several times that he does not speak according to his own will; he only speaks according to the will of True Father. He only speaks what Father tells him to speak.

We need to believe, we need to know that Father has not passed away. He still lives and is conducting his providence. If we do as the 2nd King does, do as Father tells us to, speak as Father tells us to, then amazing miracles will occur before our eyes. If we do as Father tells us to, then we will experience even greater miracles than the conversion of Sundar Singh from Sikhism to Christianity.

Let’s not think that God is dead! Let’s not think that Father has passed away, and that he is no longer doing anything in terms of spiritual works. But instead let’s know, let’s believe that he lives, that he works with us, and that whatever we believe will be realized.

One member of Sanctuary Church said to me, “The words that we hear the 2nd King speaking are not his words, but they are Father’s words. This is Father speaking to us through the 2nd King. “I am convinced that if we believe in that and if we act according to those words, amazing things will happen in this world. Let’s us have the same belief, the same conviction that the 2nd King has! When we do that, whatever we believe to be true will come to pass.
The day that I met Father, he told me, “This house is a poor and wretched place but the words that emanate from this house will unite Christianity, and will unite all religions of the world.”

When he said that, I doubted him in my heart, “This is a tiny house and he only has two or three members at most, then he is talking about uniting Christianity, uniting all religions? He even stated that it’s going to unite the world, it’s going to unite the cosmos?” I never heard of this term ‘cosmos’, and I asked him, “What do you mean,” He answered, “It refers to heaven and earth. This is going to unite heaven and earth.”

In my heart, I doubted; Father realized this and asked me, “Do you have a Bible?” I responded, “Yes, here it is!” He added, “Well just open the Bible at random and put the finger at random at a verse, whatever comes up.” So I opened the Bible at random and I turned to Matthew Ch. 14. I said to Father, “I am at chapter 14,” and Father asked, “Well what does it say in verse 31?”

This was the place where Jesus told Peter to come out of the boat and walk out on the water. Peter started but when the wind rose he was afraid, he began to sink and he cried out to Jesus, “Please save me!” And then in verse 31, Jesus stretches out his hand and he says to Peter, “O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?”

This is where Jesus was telling Peter that if he only believed he would be able to even walk on the water as he himself was doing.

Father told me to read verse 31. I read, “O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?” And Father said, “Well this is not me speaking to you; the Bible is. The bible is telling you, “O thou of little faith, why are you doubting?”

So, the issue is our faith, how strongly we are able to believe, how strong a faith we are able to have. This will determine what we are able to accomplish. I believe strongly that this is the case, that we can accomplish anything as long as we can have that faith.

God, our True Father knows our past, knows our present and knows our future. True Father knows who our ancestors were a hundred years ago or even a thousand years ago. When we believe that Father is the person who knows all this, then he appears to us as one who knows everything about us. But when we don’t believe that, he cannot come to us; he does not come to us.

I talked today about Sundar Singh converting from Sikhism to Christianity - Sikhs wear a turban on their head as you may know.

Father continues to conduct his tremendous providence in the same way as he was doing on the earth. The extent to which we are able to believe that Father is continuing his providential works in the spirits, will determine what we are able to accomplish.

Today we are being persecuted, people are pointed their fingers at us, they are cursing us but that is not the issue. The issue is how much we are able to endure and overcome it. The issue is
our faith and for us to have true faith. It is easy to believe the things that everyone believes in but it so difficult to believe the things that no one believes in, and that cannot be seen. That is when we need to have a faith that is worthy of the citizens of CIG, and believe in those things that seem impossible. If we can have that strong belief then we will be able to bring about those things.

Let’s have that faith! Let’s not have even a hairsbreadth of disbelief but have complete belief, complete faith that we can achieve these things. When we do that we will be able to bring results that will be more than enough to realize the ideal that God has been trying to accomplish all these millennia. This will bring joy and glory to God, to Father and to Jesus. Then all the spirits in the spirit world will work with us; not just Father but all the spirits in the spirit world will be able to do that.

So let have that faith this morning and accomplish all these things!

Thank you very much.

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