

VOICE OF GOD IN CREATION

God has given humanity the gift of "sound". How dull and monotonous the 'world would be if the silence of the cemetery were to rule everywhere! The chirping of birds, the sound of a flowing stream, the loud whispers of a rainfall and the incoherent sound of infants fill us all with delight. Beautiful indeed is this creation. Of all the creatures, MAN possesses the supreme ability to express himself -his feelings, thoughts and decisions in words. Speech with all its treasure of words is nothing but organized sound. The beauty of creation with all its sounds stands as a mute testimony to the beauty of the Creator. God is a winsome, beautiful Being and the very first act Bible records is that God created our world and that He created it by the power of His word. The first book of the Bible, Genesis, chapter one and verse three reads: "And God said, Let there be light". God spoke the world into existence. "For he spake, and it was done" said the Psalmist (Psa.33: 9). The worlds were framed by the word of God affirms the writer to the Hebrews (Heb.1: 2). Herein lies the uniqueness of the voice of God. The Divine voice stands apart from all voices that are human and mundane, it is the voice of CREATION.

Broken into comprehensible fragments, the voice of God seemed to have said, "Let there be flowers of all hues sending forth the sweetest smell" and 10! they came into being. The snowcapped mighty mountains and the breath -taking valleys, the rain and the sunshine were all there just because He chose to say it. The pre Adamite earth was "without form and void" (Gen.1: 2), and we are not told how the original earth came into such a state and shape. This fact is nevertheless stated and the Divine record goes further to record another and that is of supreme importance to us. God spoke and put everything into shape. Into the formless, ugly world, God spoke beauty, form and content. That is the God of the Bible.

Around sixty long centuries have slipped by between that act of beautifying our earth and our present generation. Man has traveled quite far into the fields of Physics and Astronomy, Chemistry and Computers, engineering and medicine. Now we know how to tap, different sources of power, Hydro, solar and wind, thanks to the creative genius gifted to us by our Creator. Yet, the most basic field that gives worth and true, pleasure to our existence has been left untrained and untamed. It is the field of the human heart, so fertile with weeds of hatred, greed, lust, pride and deception. Together they have unleashed horrors of hell among us. Despite our philosophies and peace conferences, we seem to descend only further into the bottomless pit of human depravity. Though Jeremiah uttered the words, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"(Jer.17:9) around twenty -six centuries ago, it sounds stunningly relevant for us today. Governmental regulations, religious observances cannot govern, much less change, the ruined heart. Violence, bloodshed, human cruelties at alarming proportions have come to be accepted as the order of the day.

What beauty could there ever be if our world continues to be filled with crimes, police stations and jails? People dying in our hospitals with terminal illnesses, the funerals end empty homes that follow ~ bring ugliness and horror. As it was in the beginning of creation man is without form and shape. He has only seeds of self -destruction within himself. Help, if any, must come outside himself. The good news is that it did. God chose to speak again to lift us out of our chaos. The solution HE sent is called the LOGOS, the WORD Jesus Christ WHO is able to create something that never existed before.

The voice of CREATION now rings across nations and to every individual. "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert" (Isa.43: 19). Into our wild and wasted life God has chosen to send His life and light. HE longs to bring us out of barren lands to brimming fertility. This HE chose to do in us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

"...if any man be in Christ, he is a NEW creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor.5:17). To give us this gift of newness, Christ paid the price. God became man. God had to set aside His glory, His greatness and divest Himself of all His prerogatives just to reach us. One Who "dwells in a light which no man can approach unto" became accessible and contactable in incarnation. If reaching us through incarnation is so great a condescension, how great must His humiliation be, when He embraced the most cruel cross for our salvation? He became "sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2Cor.5:21). Such is the love of God for us.

My friend, there is hope for you and me in Christ. God restores shape and beauty to anyone who calls for help. God's help line is never busy. Call upon Him today, now where you are! The cry, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" could work wonders for you. "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom.10:13). Whosoever -Why not you?