

Chapter 14 Christianity

(Based on the Prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah)

Some preachers of Christianity have often mentioned the Crucifixion of Christ, Resurrection and the origin of Christianity as accidental. If we study the Holy Book that Christ followed, we can understand that their views were wrong.

Isaiah in Chapter 53 verses 10-12, has predicted the crucifixion of Christ and his Resurrection. Also in Isaiah 66:17 there is prediction about Christian religion. God thus prophesied through Isaiah “As for those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves to enter the gardens, following the one in the centre, who eat the flesh of pigs, revolting things and rats: their deeds and their thoughts will perish together, declares Yahweh.” (Isaiah 66:17).

God’s mention about “the one in the centre” is of course about Christ. In the Holy Trinity of ‘Father, Son and the Holy Spirit’ or in the history of the world, Christ is the one in the middle. Garden means the heavenly garden, the Paradise and self purification means the confession to priest that Christians practice. Many among Christians eat filthy foods like the meat of pig. These include priests, monks and nuns.

Although most Christians are living without fully respecting the Bible and without following the Christ in full, it is not mentioned in Bible that all Christians will be destroyed in The Great Day of Wrath. It is said that those who survive the Great Day of Wrath will be made priests and Levites. These words stand as proof that Yahweh’s House, as predicted by Ezekiel, will be constructed in Jerusalem before the Great Day of Wrath. “And some of them I shall make into priests and Levites” (Isaiah 66:21)

From these words of God through Prophet Isaiah, we can realize three messages. The first one is that the law of God regarding food items is applicable to Christians also as in the case of Jews and Muslims.

Christians commit offense because they do not understand the meaning of Christ’s words. “Those that enter the stomach through mouth do not make one unclean”. These were words of warning of Christ to the Jews. It means “If one eats food permitted by law without washing hands in the height of hunger, it will not make him unclean.” Christ who taught us that the law will not shift even an inch while heaven and earth exists, will not teach us to eat anything disregarding the law. Moreover there is not a single reference in Bible that Christ has eaten any of the forbidden items.

The miraculous thing that happened in a church in Iraq recently favours (upholds) the first message. It was the appearance of Mother Marthesmuni with her seven children and their Master, Eliazar. Several people gathered at the church to get the graces. But few had tried to study the message behind the appearance.

Mother Marthesmuni, her seven children and Eliazar became brave martyrs during the reign of the cruel king Antiochus. They refused to eat the meat of pig and became brave martyrs. This was because God had forbidden Jews not to eat the meat of pig. (Refer the chapters 6 and 7 of Macabee). The message of God's miracle in the Church in Iraq is that "Christians also must not eat those items that are forbidden by God".

But we may get an idea that "Anything can be eaten" while reading the Book of Acts Chapter 10:16. But the actual interpretation of these Bible verses can be seen in Chapter 10:28 of Acts. "God has made it clear to me that I must not call anyone profane or unclean" (Acts 10:28). From this it is clear that the message of the vision St. Peter had was not that "One can eat anything breaking God's law".

The second message that God gave through Isaiah is that of deliverance from sins. It is clear from the Holy Words that self-purification among Christians ie confession to priest is not justified by God.

In Bible we can read about a sinful woman who approached Christ and got relieved from her sins. It is not given in Bible that the woman had pleaded her sins aloud. She may have done that in mind. Like the sinful woman it is better for Christians to plead their sins to God (Christ) in mind with regret.

So we understood from the second message that God will not approve self-purification or confession among Christians.

[But from Chronicles 29:15 , we can confirm that the self purification in Judaism is approved by God. In each and every religion, there is self purification of their own and approved by God except the one in Christian religion.]

"If you forgive anyone's sins they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."
(John 20:23)

The words of Christ, which gave power to his disciples to forgive sins are mentioned above. Whenever the Disciples of Christ forgave sins, those who were suffering from illness were cured miraculously. But till now no incidents are heard of, where believers got cured while confessing their sins to priests. This means that either the priests have no power to relieve the sins or sins are not relieved through confession.

There are some cases where the last sacrament of priests brought back the patients from death or unconsciousness. This points to the fact that God Himself does the deliverance of sins and curing of patients. If priests had the power to relieve sins like Christ or His Disciples, all patients that they prayed for would have been recovered. It may be because the Disciples of Christ have to judge the 12 tribes of Israel by reigning on 12 thrones and they were the chosen ones to propagate Christianity, that Christ gave them the power to relieve sins of other people.(See St. Mathew 19:28). Therefore it is clear from the second message of God's prophecy through Isaiah that the power for deliverance of sins is vested with God Himself. And Christian priests also, like the priests of Judaism, Islam and other religions, have no power for the

deliverance of sins. It is noticeable that the Disciples of Christ have the authority to judge the 12 tribes of Israel. But that authority not given to the Christian priests. I think the case of authority of deliverance from sin is also not different.

In Numbers 5:5, it is given that those who commit sins must confess their sins. To whom the sins must be confessed is not obvious here. “If a man or woman commits any of the sins by which people break faith with Yahweh, that person is guilty and must confess the sin he has committed.” (Numbers 5:5).

In the Book of Psalms Chapter 32, there is mention that to whom the sins must be confessed with.

“I made my sin known to you, did not conceal my guilt. I said ‘**I SHALL CONFESS MY OFFENSE TO YAHWEH**’. And you, for your part, took away my guilt, forgave my sin” (Psalms 32:5)

Going through the verses 10:1 and 10:11 of Ezra, we can understand the importance of confession directly to God (Christ).

“While Ezra, weeping and prostrating himself in front of the Temple of God, was praying and making confession” (Ezra 10:1)

“So now give thanks to Yahweh, God of your ancestors, and do his will by holding aloof from the people of the country” (Ezra 10:11)

But the case of the sinful woman who shed tears at the feet of Jesus gives us the method to confess for our sins. “Confess the sins with God silently”. If that woman whom Jesus relieved of the sins ever committed sins in future, her deliverance would have been ineffective, that is she would not get any benefit from Christ. The hollowness of confession to priests is that a believer knowingly commits sins even after he confesses.

In the First Book to Corinthians, Chapter 11:28, St. Paul appeals the people to confess their guilt with God after self-examination. It clearly indicates that in ancient Christian community, there was no confession to priests.

If we examine the Book of Daniel verses 9:4 and 9:20, we can see Daniel pleading directly to God the sins of his own and of his subjects. Sins’ are confessed only with God and is never mentioned in Bible about anyone confessing his sins to priests or even to Christ during His period in earth.

Priests may argue that they stand on behalf of Christ or even God Himself. (But the fact is that this set will also be thrown outside the House of Yahweh when it is built in Jerusalem because of their uncircumcised condition.)

In the Book of Malachi the position of priests is clearly mentioned. “He is Yahweh’s Sabbath’s messenger” (Malachi 2:7). In the Book of Job we can read that “If God places no trust in his servants, if he charges his angels with error” (Job 4:18). If God sees guilt even with his angels, much more will be the guilt he sees on the priests. Christ has also placed priest as the servants of God. “Where I’m, shall be my servants” (St. John 12:26). The method of confession to priests formed in the Church because the priests themselves made them equivalent to Christ. It is not possible to say if there is any meaning in this activity, since from the prophecies of Isaiah, we can understand that God does not justify this. In fact, confession to priest only makes one bold enough to commit more and more sins.

The third message that God gave through prophet Isaiah is that all religion will exist on earth forever.

If we read the Book of Jeremiah, we can see the prophecies about Christian religion. It is clearly mentioned in Jeremiah that the people of God include that of Israel and Judah. “My people Israel (and Judah)” (Jeremiah 30:3). In Chapter 8 of the Book of Jeremiah elaborate description is given for the daughter of God’s people. The daughter of God’s people is of course Christianity, since the People of God are the inhabitants of Israel including Judah.

In the Book of Jeremiah 8:12-13, it is given that the daughter of God’s people will fall in her vision time. We will learn about this vision time of Christianity and its fall in detail in another chapter. [Anti-Christ].