

## **FAITH LOOKS UP AND NOT AROUND**

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24

It is so comforting to know that God knows all about us, our needs even before we say it out loud.

Yesterday one of my friends from this reading list had sent me an incident that happened quite a while ago in a mission hospital Central Africa.

A baby is born premature and the mother had died during the birth. The hospital did not have an incubator or electricity and the baby was kept warm with a rubber hot water bottle. The next day when it was filled with hot water, the rubber burst and that was the one and the only one. There was no way they could get one. Without the hot water bottle, it seemed sure that this little one will also die.

When the nurse shared it with the orphanage children during the afternoon prayer, one little girl stepped out and simply prayed, "Jesus send us a water bottle and also put a doll for the little one." The nurse was dismayed. How could this happen? All practical means of getting or receiving the bottle was out of the question.

But to the surprise of the nurse and not to the believing children a big parcel arrived at the orphanage with clothes, gifts etc from England. The children were digging deep into the parcel unmindful of the sweets till they reached out for the HOT WATER BOTTLE! They knew it and there it was. And under it there was a cute furry doll.

The nurse sat stunned and the lesson was for her. Later when she shared this story she said, "What was so amazing for me was that God knew this future need, and He had made someone put precisely the water bottle some five months ago, even before we even had that need. But the day we needed it, it was there. But the wonder of it is that, the parcel had been sent five months ago."

What an amazing God! He even knew what a premature child would need or what children would pray five months later and had already parceled that need.

But we still worry and fret. We still are anxious about the future. You know this malady is so aggravated as we get old. When we were children we had more raw and bold faith. But today we get so disturbed by little changes. It's so hard to believe that such and such a person can be saved.

Yet the God of Israel has not changed. It is actually our faith which becomes inversely proportional to our age. The older we become, the less trustful we are.

But let us again be strengthened by this promise of God that He will answer even before we ask. So let us not be asking God about everyday needs, material needs, but, as we start praying for others, for the Kingdom then our needs are already gift wrapped and on their way!

Lord we believe, yet cure our unbelief☺