

From Denmark to Jerusalem : The Amazing Life of Lydia

Yesterday as I was travelling from Madurai to Trichy in a train, I finished reading the book *Appointment in Jerusalem*, the amazing life story of Lydia. In the mid 1920s, Denmark was an orthodox Lutheran nation and all the citizens are Lutheran Christians. Lydia was born in a very affluent family in Denmark, had a university degree, was a head of the department of Domestic Science in a state school. She had it all, her own apartment, a helper, ample salary and a dashing young man proposing her to marry him. It was his proposal that made her question the meaning of life. She thought whether she has to go the way the rest of the world went. Earn well, get married, get kids, grandkids and then funeral. Even to her own surprise she turned down his proposal and started searching.

She thought there must be more to life. But only that she did not know what that "more" was. She was a nominal Christian, went to church now and then. After this thought even her attentiveness to the sermons did not convince her.

One afternoon impulsively she pulled over a Bible and started reading from Mathew. When she read the verse, "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness.." she sat up straight. This was her desire now. As she kept reading she came where Jesus speaks about Ask...Seek....Knock. Lydia has never known how to pray from the heart. She knelt right beside the chair and asked, "God if you are real, reveal yourself to me." She opened her eyes and before her she saw a long white robed Man with outstretched arms. She gasped, "Jesus," and He disappeared. Her heart was so full of joy and peace. She knew this is what she was searching for. She knew this Jesus is alive and living. Day after day she started reading the Bible and one by one changes came over her. She was delivered from smoking instantaneously. She saw a vision with her eyes wide open. She started speaking in tongues. And she never had anyone to guide her. One day her maid announced that there was a strange group of people called Pentecostals in the poor section of the town.

Lydia went there and the pastor explained her about speaking of tongues, visions etc. Lydia was convinced that she should be baptized and this Pastor

baptized her in his kitchen. When word went around the school that the respectable Lydia has joined the rank of crazy Pentecostals, she was booed, mocked, insulted. One of her coworkers wrote to her superiors that since Lydia has trespassed from the Lutheran doctrine, she must be stripped of her job. This caused a sensation in Denmark, all the major newspapers reported her story and finally the case went to the Parliament, where it was settled.

She was allowed to stay on the roll, as long as she did not influence others. But people saw the change in her. Lydia knew this school was not her place. Once she met a Congo missionary and shared her vision of people whom she saw. When she described them, the missionary said they seem to be from Jerusalem.

After a series of amazing miracles and Providence, Lydia set sail to Jerusalem as a single woman in 1927, before the State of Israel was born. She went from affluence to poverty in every sense of the word, in riches, in relationships, in comfort, in food everything. Yet to be there gave her a great sense of joy. A Jewish man gave his dying daughter Tikvah (meaning hope) into her hands. And Tikvah survived against all odds. God made her a mother in Israel and she took many abandoned girls and brought them up. It was then a British soldier on patrol, met her, prayed for her, took an interest and finally married her. It was Derek Prince. Yes that famous Derek Prince we know about.

This book *Appointment in Jerusalem* is actually written by Derek Prince as told by Lydia Prince. To make a long story short, theirs was a very fruitful life. They had the great chance of being in Jerusalem when the State of Israel was birthed as a nation on May 14th, 1948.

When our hearts are set on things above, God will throw open every door and lead us to our place of vision and calling. Let us press forward.

Let us pray for Denmark . This European nation has become secular and God is not a priority anymore. Let us pray that Jesus reveal Himself the way He revealed to Lydia. This is a prayer video for Denmark. Click on the link below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qft-Yf0dSDg>.

This is a song, there must be more than this. Yes there must be more than this☺

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCXh70eHSw4>