

Bro. Bakht Singh

The Apostle of
India



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There are but few men in this contemporary world who are in the order of the apostles of the early church, who are without a blemish, whom no man can point a finger at, who solely depended on God and God alone for every need and every want, who walked by faith, who moved nations and who brought thousands and even millions of people to the saving knowledge of our lord JESUS CHRIST. One such unbelievably real man, with whom God blessed this world, especially India, even more so Andhra Pradesh, was Brother Bakht Singh. If you look at his life and his Testimony, You will come to understand why many call him the Apostle of India.





In this region

Bro. Bakht Singh was born on June 6, 1903, of well-to-do parents, Jawahar Mal Chabra and Lakshmi Bai, in the northern sector of Punjab that later became part of Pakistan.

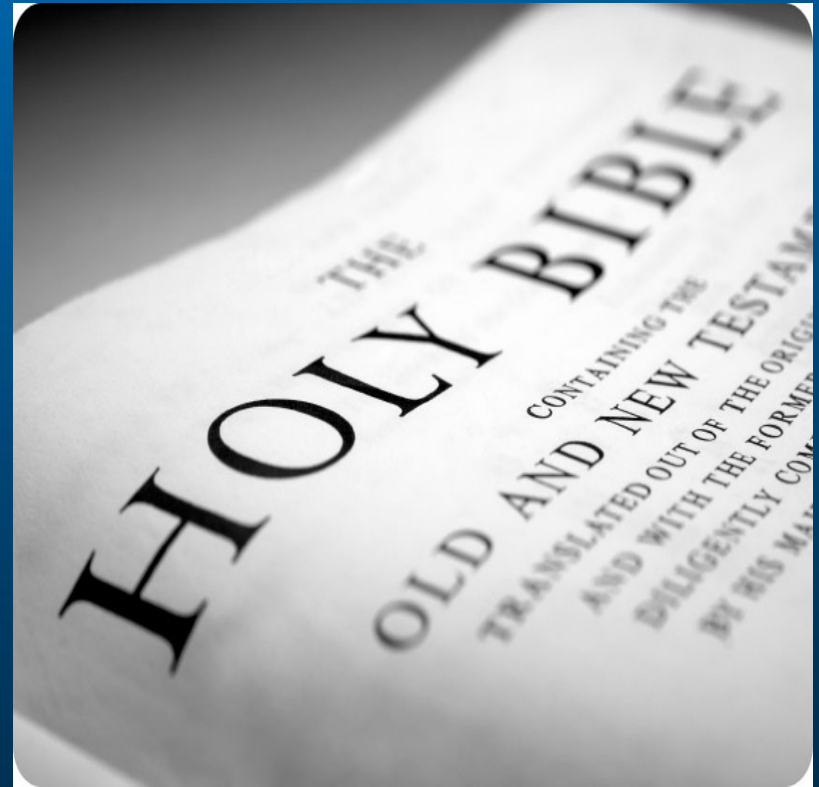




Bro. Bakht Singh was born to Hindu Parents but he was raised as a Sikh. He had a Staunch Belief in His religion and he was very proud of the same.



One thing that Bro Bakht Singh really hated as he was growing up was Christianity. He never liked Christians and he never made friends with them. When he was presented a Bible at his school for his academic excellence, He tore all of its pages and kept the Cover, because it was really beautiful..



“I had torn the Bible in the year 1919 in my blindness. And for full ten years I was speaking words of blasphemy against Bible and Lord Jesus Christ, in my stupidity.”



Travel to England for Higher Education

Bro Bakht Singh always wanted to go abroad for his higher education. He loved the western culture and their rich lifestyle. But his Father strongly opposed the idea of his son leaving the country. His Mom feared that he will loose his religion if he goes to the West. But Bro Bakht Singh was fervent in his pursuit and finally convinced his Mother to convince his Father to let him go to England. He Finally set out on his Voyage to England after promising his Mother that he will not change his religion whatever may come his way.



Soon Bro. Bakht Singh got accustomed to the rich life style of the English. He indulged in every pleasure and threw away money like water. Sometimes He would shop a whole day for a Single 'Tie'. He also learnt how to show false expenses and get more money from his father. There is nothing an English could do and he couldn't. He finally declared to himself that he is now completely English.

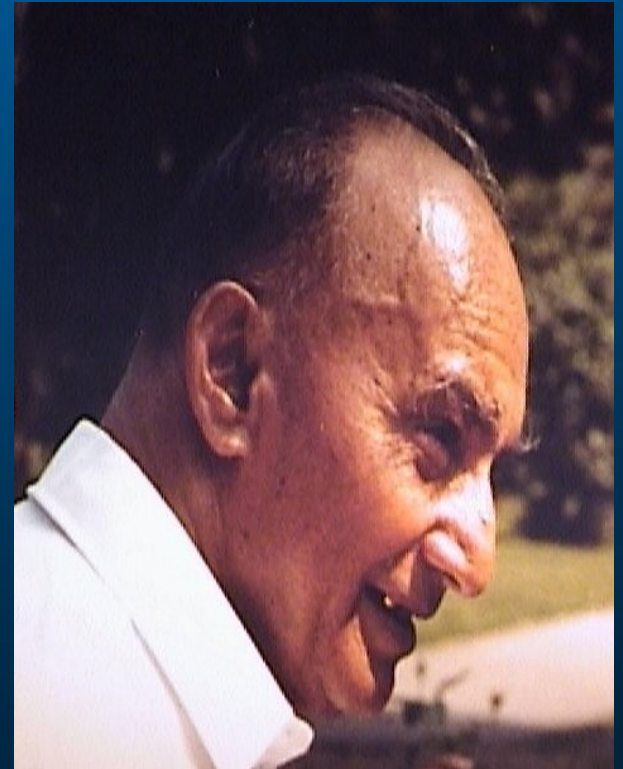


Though he thought he learnt every thing and indulged in every pleasure he still felt some thing is lacking. He could never find true peace and happiness and the restlessness seemed to grow even more. He was still searching for true happiness.



Coming to the Lord. In his own words.

And with out any man coming to me and with out my going to any meeting, on December the 16th 1929, I was in Canada, Winnipeg. In my own room I could feel some body coming to me and uncovering all my sins and my body dead spots. And there came a very fishy smell.



And the voice came “Bakht Singh, these spots you are seeing, the smell you are smelling is because of your sins”. And one by one God uncovered all my sins. I trembled. I said, “O God it’s quite true. I have done these shameful things, I defiled my body, I have money but no peace. I have education, but my life is a failure. Any hope for a man like me ??

And the voice came “This is my body broken for you, This is my blood shed for the remission of your sins”. I replied “Lord !! These words are beyond my understanding. I don’t know what they mean, But one thing, no man can say such like words to me. Either my friends or my relations or my even Sikh gurus...

“Lord they are your words and with out understanding I believe. Your body was broken for me and your blood was shed for the remission of my sins”. And the voice came “Lo your sins be forgiven”. To me it was a Miracle. I lost all desire in a second for cinema theatre, dancing, drinking and smoking..

I read the whole Bible in Six weeks. From Genesis to Revelation. I was so much drawn to it. There is one segment in the beginning, “And God Said, And God said, And God Said” that affected me. It was written 558 times in the first five books. And I said Lord Speak With me. I recognize the Living Savior and the Loving Savior and Mighty Savior. At that time I had Nasal Catarrh for 12 years. I prayed One night “Lord Thou art the same, Thy word says so, And I believe it. “Heal my Nose and My Throat” and like that, He healed the me very same evening.



He commits himself to the lord

I said “Lord I am not qualified. I have no gifts, no talents, I am not worthy to be your servant. How can I be? Now you want me, I am ready. I have no choice. You can keep me anywhere, I will go. Send me to any country, I am ready. I don’t know what I can do.”



The lord's conditions

- Lord said to me “I accept you for my Service on three conditions” .The first condition was “withdraw your claim from your property in Punjab”. “My father had at that time a factory and property .I m in the family eldest son we are six brothers .God said to me “leave the property. And never tell any human being friends or relations by letter or by hint about your personal needs .Tell me about it”.
- Secondly ,”serve all equally as I command you. Don't serve a society , serve all”
- And thirdly, “do not make your one plans ,let me lead you day by day” and I replied, “Lord I agree”.



Living church

He always had a vision for a living church. A church built on the foundation of Christ, and is according to the will of the God. He had to make sure that the newly born Christians are growing in the Lord. Which again means a Living Church. He believed that, the job of the preacher is not over, just with conversion. That's what he ministered and that's what he established.



In His Own Words

We have no longing for a building and a property. We only want to be sure, we are building the living church, we have seen of the God's word, a living church. A living church that can help people to grow spiritually. They will never go by themselves. They need fellowship, they need prayer, they need worship, they need witness, they need suffering and persecution, they need oneness, together they need all the gifts, necessary for the growth of the whole church.



His Ministry

He professed “Simple Faith, like that of a child”. And that the only way any one can be made righteous, is through Faith. He believed in and preached the power of resurrection.

He never asked any human being for money or any kind of financial support. It's God who provided all the needs in abundance



In his own words

Never given the least hint anybody about money. The word money I have never mentioned, any meeting. No Subscription, no membership fee, no fee of any kind, no cameras no reports any kind. All these years God has supplied every need in abundance.



Fervent Prayers

He was very fervent in his prayers and would never cease to pray until God answered.

He always waited on God, and always made sure that what ever he did, was according to the Will of the God. And he had much burden for others.



IN HIS OWN WORDS

Started saying “Lord Give the Answer, Give the Answer” Lord wont speak to me. One night very late after mid night, I said “Lord I give thee promise, Give thee a solemn promise, I will obey you, I will pay any price, I don’t care if I am never invited by any body else to conduct any campaign, Its not my calling, your business Lord give, me the answer.



I promise you solemnly upon my face, I will obey it. I will pay any price. I want to be sure of thy heavenly plan for thy people. I cant see people just going backwards and back sliding and have been received by false teaching and false doctrine. Lord give the answer. I said I'll pay the price. Lord Spoke to me"

God's Answer to his prayers. Revival in martinpur

I believe God has an answer. God has an answer. I believed it . So on 14th of June 1937. I said Friends this is my last evening. I am going away tomorrow. I feel my stay here wouldn't be any use to you. Let's just pray. I told them, would you all please stand for prayer. Its summer time, Open Field. They all Stood up and I began to pray.



With a heavy heart, feeling very sad and discouraged as I saw people's condition, making fun of God's word. As I was praying, one man standing in front of me just fell like a log. I thought may be he was stung by a scorpion. In villages it happens quite often. Then after, a second man fell down. Again a log of wood on the ground. A Huge cry. One by one they all began to roll on the ground. crying for mercy. Oh God have mercy up on me I am a great sinner.

More than I don't know how many people were crying. One pastor, elder came running to me "stop this, stop this, stop this". I cant stop it, Ask God to Stop it. How can I stop it?" And it went on for three hours.

Next day I told them "Friends, God has spoken to you. You must obey him. You have to make peace. Go and make peace."

MartinPur

There was a great procession, First time in the whole district, more than two thousand people went marching, giving the gospel. It became like heaven upon earth.





His teachings were very precise and His Knowledge of the word was commendable.



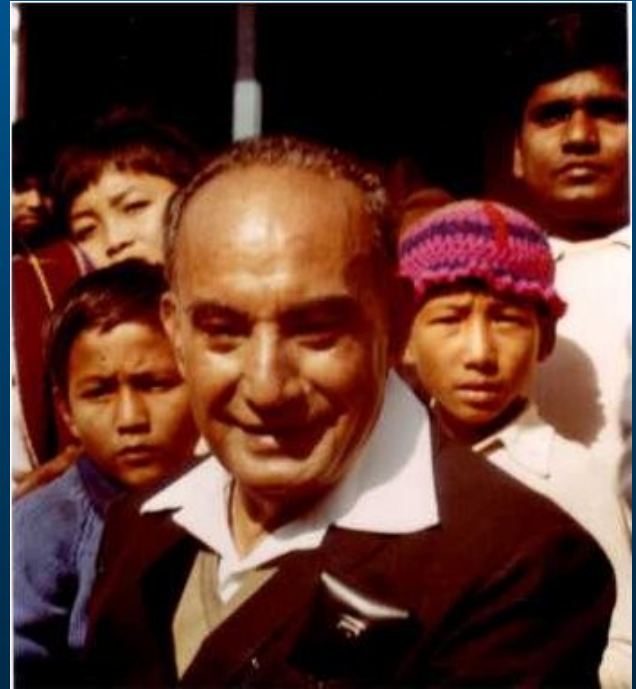
Pastors...

Who are pastors ? .. pastors who are loving shepherds, kind shepherds, large heart kind heart, who suffer with them like a shepherd with sheep. I have seen shepherds in Punjab who stay with their sheep day and night. They won't come home for two days. They sacrifice to be shepherd of Gods flock. they are pastors, not only preachers we need men like that who knew how to shepherd God's flock, feed them in love and grace and care and prayers, diligence share their burdens.



Apostles...

Who are the apostles?
Those who have the
authority to build and
establish churches.

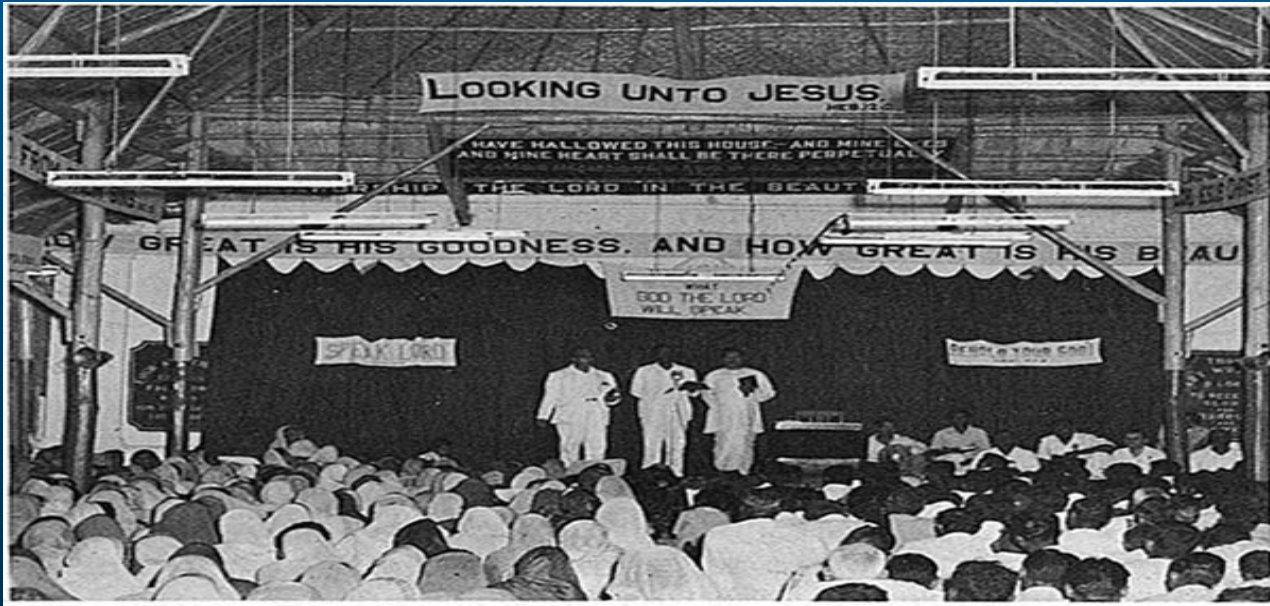


His Teachings...

- He Preached Nothing but the Bible.
- He Established many churches which are in the order of the early church of the apostles.
- He Stressed on the importance of Personalized Worship and how Lord seeks those that worship him in Spirit and in Truth.
- He insisted on taking part in the Lords Table every week and cleansing ourselves as oft as we could



Holy convocation



- He held his first "Holy Convocation," based on Leviticus 23, in Madras in 1941. After this convocation were held annually in Madras and Hyderabad in the South, and in Ahmadabad and Kalimpong in the North. And thousands were saved during these convocations.
- Even Today's Holy Convocation is a continuation of what he Started Years ago.



Remarks about him

"I have never seen a man who has a greater knowledge and understanding of the Bible than Bro. Bakht Singh. All our Western preachers and teachers seem to be children before this great man of God," said Dr. Bob Finley, President of Christian Aid Mission, an agency that assisted Bro. Bakht Singh in the earlier days of his ministry.



After visiting Bro Bakht Singh and some of his churches, missionary statesman, author and teacher Norman Grubb, commented "In all my missionary experience, I think these churches are on the New Testament foundation, the nearest I have seen to a replica of the early church and a pattern for the birth and growth of the young churches in all the countries which we used to talk about as mission fields."



Passing on to glory



- Brother Bakht Singh the great man of God, went home to glory on September 17, 2000. at his home and headquarters in Hyderabad, India, which left so many of his fellow believers in great grief. Over 600,000 people gathered in Hyderabad over a period of 5 days to pay their last tribute to the departed spiritual Leader.



Closing

We remember him today and give thanks to the Lord for him. Though he is not in our midst today, we still have his example, his ministry, his Faith and the very many living Testimonies who are the Fruits of His Ministry. And most of all we have the blessed hope of Salvation that one day we all will be in the presence of the LAMB upholding HIS beauty and worshiping HIM along with the other saints, with full of Joy and everlasting peace.

Glory to God and God alone, for ever and ever.
Amen.

