

## IPR/GCC US Camp Meeting September - E. Parminder Part 2

I had a really nice comment during the break. One of these middle managers wanted a promotion so that they don't get into trouble. Now I know I speak about this subject in a light manner. I might even smile when I talk about it but I want us to be sure that these are life and death issues. How you relate to these subjects will determine not only the success for you as an individual but also the success for this movement. I want to share a perspective that some people might find uncomfortable and some may disagree with. Today we speak about success and failure. A few years ago, we wouldn't use those terms. We would use terms such as perfection and sin. Or sanctification and unrighteousness. I want to use those terms as metonymies. These are not synonyms one of another but they can be used to represent one another or to substitute. I am not sure how many watching this presentation, watched the presentations or the classes from Portugal this year. The problem is that there were so many of them. So I cannot tell you where this particular concept was taught. I think it was in the last quartile. The last 25%. So, if I did 100 presentations it's somewhere between 75 and 100. In that class I think an important truth was brought to view. What has concerned me from that moment to now is how few people have either fought against that concept or have embraced and have praised the Lord. Cause I think it is significant. I want to confine myself to a very narrow and specific history as I narrate this point. 1863, 1888 and today. These are three opportunities where Christ could have returned. The middle date that I gave you. Don't be fixed on that date 1888. It is not literally that year. For me the reason why that study was so significant is because it identified an important concept. I don't know if someone was able to put into the chat that class or series of classes where this was brought to view. I have a graph and the x-axis is time. It's earth and heaven on the x-axis. The vertical or y-axis is either redemption or righteousness or sanctification. You can call it any one of those terms. For this study they are synonymous. Metonymy, they are related. This transition from earth to heaven, I'll say it this way, can happen at any time. But that is not factually true. We will call it redemption or righteousness with time. So, I am saying we can create this linear graph. I said it can happen at any time but I am going to give three specific times. I gave you the dates. 1863, the next one is a timeframe and I am just calling it 1888, and today. So, what we can do is, the 1863 date we see everything to the left this would be Earth. Christ returns in 1863 and everything after that is heaven. What this graph shows is that on earth there was growth. It began here in 1798 just for the purpose of our discussion. If you were a Millerite, you would grow this much on earth. You would go to heaven at this point, 1863, and then you would continue to grow. This growth would be on earth and this would be in heaven. I think most people would agree with that. What they won't agree with is that if you jump into the future, if you jump 25 years, I know Christ would not have come in 1888 but I am just going to use that as an example, so your growth from 1798 to 1888 is now this much. Look how much you have grown on earth. Now the rest of the graph is how much you will grow in heaven. We move forward to our generation and now all of this growth here is on earth. So, we could increase this line and this would be on earth and then the growth afterward would be in heaven. What I want us to see is that if Christ had returned in 1888, in that history not the date, this level of redemption here over 25 years, that growth that would have happened on earth would have happened in heaven. Today if we would have gone to heaven in 1863 all of this growth here would have been in heaven. But it hasn't happened in heaven, it has happened here on earth.

Why people would not agree with this is the following reason. It is because people think we flatline. If Christ didn't come in 1863, we have plateaued since then. Worse not only plateaued but we have gone down. You use the word Plateau I use the word flatline. So instead of plateauing people think we have gone downhill. I am saying something fundamentally opposite to that. I will say it in a generic sense.

Humanity today is in a better state than it was in 1863. 160 years approximately. So, over the past 160 years humanity has got better. Conservative Adventists will say that that is absolute madness, we have gotten worse. As I say either people don't watch I teach or they don't understand what is being taught. You should have been jumping for joy or saying that I have become heretical in my teaching. Because this concept is substantially different from anything you have been thought or you believed before. I am not trying to lift myself up and say this is great light. Neither am I going to accept someone saying to me that I teach complete error because I would defend this. The problem that I have is that concerning something that is so significant, the priests are not animated, they are not excited. That animation should either be anger or joy, elation.

So, in all seriousness people have put a couple of those links up which is good. But if you haven't watched those classes, I can't urge you strongly enough to go back and check to see if you agree or disagree. What I am saying is after watching those classes, if you understand what was said, you should come and fight, argue. Or be screaming and jumping for joy because this affects so much of our understanding of how salvation works.

Now the point I wanted to make in talking about this is the following. Some of the students that were there are really happy because they got it at the time. They are just giving testimony now which is good. The issue I wanted to address. You tell me what success and failure even looks like. Tell me how you gauge it, how you measure it. Now we have a single line for Humanity. There are some societies, some cultures that don't look like that. They look like this (straight line). They haven't change. It is not continuous; it is slightly elevated. They haven't changed much in 200's years. Other countries or cultures look like this. God's people, this movement, we should look like this (Escalating line). I am not trying it's just one line. There are many lines in reality. Then we can take it on an individual level. So, mine might look like this. Sanctification, righteousness, redemption. Elder Gabriel's might look like this. Sister Sera's might be like this. It is different for each individual. You get the point. So, my question is, here today what does sanctification or righteousness or redemption look like? What does success look like? So we will call this vertical axis now success. The point I want us to see. This idea of success is not some fixed measure or a fixed marker. If we said we have a thousand people in this movement. If we were all, all use a Christian term, in the spirit, holy people, then success would be at one level. There it is. This is the line of this movement. We are all working together. 100% of us. This is what success would look like. People are not working hard. Some of those middle to low management priests are working hard and some are not. The definition of working hard is not just how many hours you put in. We could have other metrics. 80% success would look like this. If it was 50%...you get the point. Our definition of success, what we would see as successful is not a fixed idea. If I were to say to you, by the time we get to Panium tell me what success looks like. Draw a picture, take a snapshot, describe it. Most of you in your imagination would dream the 100% Version. In reality it will be something less because we will still lose people. If we are an airplane trying to take off, we have got a weight bringing us down. That baggage is sin. Our wrong attitudes, our bad behavior. We need to remember where it all comes from. Who do we blame? It's not me or Elder Tess. No, those members at the bottom. In English they use a strange term. It's all the movers and shakers in this movement. That means all the middle and lower management. People who have got some level of responsibility. Those are the ones that are either dragging this movement up or lifting it up. I don't say this to accuse any particular individual. What I am saying is that this is not only a prophetic issue, it is not only a redemptive issue, a truth or redemption, it's also a function of your humanity. If you are look in the wrong place for the problem, you will never find it. I have no need; I definitely don't have any desire to avoid taking responsibility. You know in a large international company, if a disaster happens, you know the person at the top, the chairperson, often resigns. That is the most silly and crazy thing to do. It's an oil company and they had an oil spill. It's an oil company and

there is an accident and oil spills from a tanker or a vehicle or a boat. Explain how is that the responsibility or the fault of the person right at the top. But they take the blame. It's because we are savage. We think too fast, reflex, fight or flight. Common sense will tell you from the top if you go four management levels down, this person at the top cannot change this thing that happens down here. Not to the degree that people think. If we reason things carefully and slow down, we would realize this.

So, I have dealt with a number of issues. I have tried to deal with a number of points. This is not an exercise to blame anybody. It is not an exercise for me not take responsibility. If you feel this movement is not working properly, if you want to fix it, first you have to think what is your definition of success? Because if we did this and you don't see much change, maybe this is the success that we will end up with 20% which means we would lose many priests. The organization would look ugly, dysfunctional. It would still be successful. But it's at great loss. Our objective is not to be successful. That should not be our aim. Because prophecy teaches us that we are going to be successful, that we are successful. What you can change is the slope of this curve. It's gradient. If all of us work together, the gradient increases. More people make it. I am hoping we all understand the term exponential. If one can be a thousand, 2 can be not 2 thousand but 10,000. This is a biblical concept. For every one of you that is failing, that failure will multiply itself when we go to the Levites and then the Nethinims. These are not prophetic numbers. If we do a bad job and we lose many of the priests, when we go to the Levites, we might get 5,000. But if we were here at panium it would not 5,000 Levites it might be 50,000 Levites. Then that would transfer to the Nethinims with respect to the numbers. Every success of failure that you individually are making has an exponential effect and this is on the lie of success. I want us to rethink how we look at this movement, how we look at ourselves. Elder Tess has repeatedly and clearly laid out the line. The line or the argument that shows we are successful. Success looks different. It changes depending on how faithful YOU are and the influence you have on the people around you. The only question we should be asking is not whether or not we will succeed or fail. It's this. How many people do we want to have saved? Because it depends upon our individual and therefore our corporate effort. This will only change once we recognize how to use correct methodology. How we read, how we understand is all there is. It changes everything. It changes you as a person. The reason why this is so significant is because as God tries to take us step by step, through this growth in sanctification, the only way this growth happens is to the degree that you understand what you read. If you read wrong the growth slows. If you don't implement things when you have a position of responsibility, progress or growth does not occur. It all happens because we don't understand what we are doing. Truth is called error and error is called truth. Now something that we began to discuss in the previous camp meetings and in fact have been discussing for quite some times now is the difference between principle and example. But we have called, so you can remember it easily, principle and policy. I gave you substitute words. Principle is something that is fixed, that never changes. Policy changes. It's culturally sensitive. We use the word example. We can add another word, time. It is time sensitive. Policy changes over time. But principles don't. Now you begin to get into a problem because you think that this is straight forward to deal with. So I asked a question, put your hand up if you want to be a policy man or if you want to be a principled woman. Who is the principle one and who is the policy person? Who are you? Who do you want to be? If I frame it this way it sounds ugly. If I were to say who are you a policy person? "No, I want to be a principle person". Policy like the waves of the sea going back and forth. Who wants to be that kind of disgusting person that the bible doesn't talk well of. None of us. All of us. What do you think? We have already answered that question. We spoke about the articles of confederation. I gave dates. 1777. The articles get modified in 1783 six years later. They scrap them 4 years later. 1787 the Constitution is written, agreed and ratified a little while later. When we began to discuss this what we need to understand is, is this Policy or principle? Because everyone knows that policy is wrong. We shouldn't be policy people. At least that is what you have been taught. Let's give a nice smooth word. Let's not call it

Policy let's call it compromise. Who was the great compromiser? Let's have a little competition. Who can tell me who the great compromiser was? Good Europe won the competition. Henry Clay. The great compromiser. Was he a saint or a demon? Was he good or bad? If he had let this sickness that was eating away at the United States get cut off early, say like frost bite. When you get frozen and your fingers just die. First your fingers get destroyed. You catch it quick enough you will lose your fingers. Or one of the biggest problems with diabetes is the problem with circulation that it creates especially in your legs. And an ever-present danger is loss of limbs through amputation. Catch it quick enough and you will lose half your foot. Wait long enough and you might lose half your leg. If Clay hadn't compromised and they went to war, how bad would it have been. Because by the time you get to 1861 this boil is ripened and ready to explode. So, is compromise good or bad? It depends on one's perspective. I am not making a moral judgement on that issue. We are just historians. The constitution is a compromised document. Policy. But, it's also a principled document. Remember we mentioned Barak Obama how he juxtaposed these two concepts? He said it was a policy document. Bad. Yet the concepts and the ideas in this constitution was like the pole or the North Star. So you understand this picture. What is the star in his parable? The star is the constitution. If you look at the constitution it will keep you in the right path because it is an unchanging principle. He taught this and he taught that this is a policy document full of compromise. People target the number "3/5" to exemplify or show the metonymy of how bad this is. You cannot escape your humanity. Our understanding of what success looks and feels like often is wrong. What we need to do is be extremely careful on how we view what failure and success look like and how they feel. Often our ideas are too idealistic. I would say with confidence if I were to ask anyone who is in a leadership position in this movement, "do you compromise? Are you a policy person?" Their answer is Yes and I would say why? Why do you compromise? They would say that they wouldn't be able to do anything if they didn't compromise. The reason why this is a phenomenon that we cannot escape is because not everybody sees things the same way at the same time. God is leading out a movement. Where ever you were on this line when He picked you up, it is within your power, it is your responsibility to decide what gradient you want to live by. The more faithful you are, the more successful we will be. Let's pray.