

## **8. GOD WHO WE CANNOT SEE**

God reveals Himself to man

A non-believer may question, “Why do you believe in God that you cannot see?” He seems to imply that anything that cannot be seen does not exist and is therefore unbelievable. The question is, is this assertion true?

It is like a little fish that swims freely in a big ocean but is unaware of it. It knows it is surrounded by water, but it does not know that the surrounding water is part of the vast ocean. We are surrounded by air, and there is oxygen in the air which we depend on to live. However, we are often not consciously aware of our dependency on oxygen. Similarly, we are living in the presence and love of God but we do not know His existence. God exists whether we acknowledge it or not.

God is spiritual and we cannot see Him with our naked eyes. He is not a physical being and His existence cannot be explained scientifically through experimentation. When we enjoy nature such as sunrise and sunset, we are in touch with the creator God. When we see an effect, we know there is a cause. When we observe the wonderful effects of creation, we acknowledge the cause of these effects – God.

If there is no God, our journey on earth will have no destination. If we toil and endure hardships and labour endlessly just for material gain and then die, our lives are meaningless. On the other hand, if we believe in God and eternity, all our good works and kind acts to build a better world make sense.

Though we might not be able to see God, we can sense His existence in all the daily happenings. When we find difficulties in coping with problems, we realise our limitations and inadequacies. For example, what can a brilliant lawyer do for his child who suffers from leukemia? How can a beauty Queen prevent herself from ageing? What can an army general do to win back his wife who does not love him anymore? Yet, a criminal of great offence can restore his relationship with God when he sincerely repents of his sin. God relates to us in very personal ways.

We cannot see the immaterial God but God makes Himself visible in history. God sent His Holy Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, appearing in the form of man named Jesus. Jesus is the fullest of God's self-revelation to man. When we know and follow Jesus, we come to know God!