

LENT DEVOTION

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The 'robots' and 'computers' have been created with a utility value. They are programmed 'contingent' upon their usefulness. They did not need training and they mechanically repeat the same thing for which they have been programmed.

But God did create human beings either as "robots" or "computers" with utility value in His mind. God has created man 'a little lower than angels' as the supreme of His creation with eternity in mind. He doesn't want us to be like robots or become like robots! He wants human being to attain the standard of His righteousness. That is the reason for the cross in His plan of redemption of mankind and the following imparting, imputing and training in His Righteousness. God cannot accomplish what He wants to do in us until and unless the person has the desire and the hunger and thirst for God's Righteousness.

The people of Israel, every morning of the journey in the wilderness "went out" in hunger seeking for God's provision of the Manna from heaven. For 40 years they had no other choice but to look for God's provision. We can have God's best and supernatural provision (miracles in our lives) become a possibility only when we are left without any other choice except God's provision. Our desperation becomes God's platform to do something wonderful in our lives. "Blessed are the poor in spirit and they will inherit the Kingdom of God" and also "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness and they will be filled" (Matthew 5:1--3). God has the best for you and all He wants is the deep felt desire and the longing in desperation to please him on a daily basis. The Psalmist say: "As the deer pants for the waters so my soul longs after you" (Psalm 42:1).