

THE STORY OF PASTOR RAJA CLARENCE

The Royal Priesthood



Pastor Raja Clarence

Chapter One

From a Priestly Family

Rev. Raja Clarence Maruthaiah (born in Feb 20, 1947), is a son of a Hindu priest and grandson of a famous witch doctor, was brought up in an orthodox Hindu priestly home and worshiped hundreds of gods and goddesses.

When he was six months old his mother passed away. Growing up without a mother put a longing in his heart for real love and a purpose in life.

But God had a greater plan for his life. God wonderfully transformed him from that royal, priestly background and made him a royal priest, to serve Him and to work for Him.

Chapter Two

Called by God

At the age of sixteen he heard about Jesus for the first time from a missionary working in a Assemblies of God Industry school near his village. When he heard about God's love for him, he immediately repented his sins, turned away from idolatry and gave his life to Jesus.

He then told his family that he committed to take water baptism. When they heard this, they were very angry and threw him out of their home, telling him, "Don't ever come back again, even to see our dead bodies".

He had to make a decision between his earthly father and his heavenly Father. He chose Jesus, leaving his home with only the clothes on his back.

Meanwhile, God had prepared a christian missionary who helped him complete his undergraduate and graduate studies. He then became a professional teacher in an Assemblies of God (AG) school. When God called him to full time ministry, he resigned his position and completed theological studies at Tamil Nadu Bible College in south India. He has been in ministry for more than 50 years.

Chapter Three

A Life in Ministry

In 1996 He was appointed as a Pastor at Peace Assemblies of God church. It was a small and humble beginning and the church has grown about 2,500 congregation members and has six worship services on Sundays. He later received his doctorate in ministry from the International Christian University, Florida, USA.

He has been a professor at Trinity Bible College for the past ten years. He also oversees more than 200 churches. He is also the Assistant Prayer Director for Tamil Nadu district council of South India, that includes about 1000 churches.

1996

PASTOR, PEACE AG

2,500

CONGREGATION MEMBERS

200+

CHURCHES OVERSEEN

He is a man of God, man of compassion, man of vision, prayer warrior, pioneering pastor, teacher, missionary, church planter, apostle, revival preacher, good shepherd and a social worker.

Chapter Four

A Heart for the Nations

He has a heart for missions. Since 1987, he has traveled around the world across Asia, Europe, Australia, US and Canada, to share the gospel, being used by God to bring healing and hope to thousands. He has spoken at pastors' conferences, prayer conferences and Bible seminars, and at Pentecostal conferences in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA.

He has a special burden for the younger generation. He encourages, equips and lifts up young ministers, and he is a spiritual father to many young pastors and disciples. His life is a challenge and a blessing to them.

Asia Europe Australia United States Canada

Chapter Five

A Divine Encounter

He has always been a man of prayer. He led prayer in the church, encouraged young people in the prayer ministry, and travelled around the nation to conduct prayer seminars.

One day, while he was leading a fasting prayer and worship service, God met him in a divine encounter. Suddenly a lightning, a cloud of the glory of God, fell over him. He fell to the floor and lay there for a whole day and night.

God changed his life. God spoke to him directly and gave him a word, a prophecy, a revelation, a new vision, new dreams and new open doors. After that encounter his worship was different, his prayer was different and his preaching was different. God opened many doors for him to travel around the nation carrying the flame of revival, and wherever he goes there is transformation.

Even when he had nothing in his hand, no finance and no family support, God gave him a vision, and that dream has come to pass.

Chapter Six

A Man of Compassion

He is a man of prayer and a man of compassion. He has a great heart to love people and to care for them. Alongside the prayer ministry, he started social work to help the needy: a medical clinic, a feeding program, and a women's ministry that helps homemakers stand on their own by teaching them tailoring.

Medical clinic

Feeding program

Women's ministry

Chapter Seven

Family

He was married in 1974 to his wife Rajammal Clarence Maruthaiah for more than 35 years. She has helped and served in the ministry. On March 9, 2021 she entered God's glory.

They have three children (all serving full time in ministry) and eight grandchildren.

Doris Jeyaruby & Rev. David Charles

Jeremiah, John, Jacob
DALLAS, TX

Ernest Jeyaraja & Andrea Jeyaraja

Asir, Aviv, Anya, Asa, Aaron
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Filomi Premkumar & Rev. Prem
Kumar

Helping in the ministries in India

He has hundreds of spiritual children serving the Lord in the Ministry around the world.

Chapter Eight

His Vision: Revival in the Last Days

He wants to see a latter-day revival. He wants to travel and set the flame of revival, the holy fire of God, wherever he goes. We have heard of the revival of the first century, and he strongly believes God will send one more great revival in these last days.

He is praying for the great harvest.

*"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few.
Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out
labourers into His harvest."*

He keeps labouring in prayer, asking God to send more labourers.

He is a humble servant of God, and his life continues to be a great challenge and a blessing to the people.

Amen.

*From a priestly family...
to a royal priesthood.*

A servant of God.
A man of prayer.
A father to many.
And a carrier of the flame.

PASTOR RAJA CLARENCE.