

# The Gain and the Loss

— **Kumar Nadesan**

**P**ranab Mukherjee was elected the 13th President of the Republic of India by a huge margin to embark on a new journey from his Presidential Palace, which is the largest palace in the world. As the President of India, he is the formal head of the legislature, executive and judiciary branches of Indian Democracy and is the commander-in-chief of the Indian Armed Forces. It was a 'dream come true' experience for the newly elected president. Most of the media and top politicians across India and abroad congratulated him on his election and elevation as the President of India.

For man, whichever brings wealth, power, position, fame and popularity is accomplishment in life. If a man should gain the riches, honors, fame and name and its pleasures, which shall soon pass away, how do these profit him if he is careless about his salvation? "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Christ came into this world to save man from his sin, for every man upon the earth is born in sin. Nothing can wash him of his sin, save the blood of the Lamb of God.

Man who is in pursuit of the passions of the world is opposed to and unconcerned of his salvation. The man who receives forgiveness of sin and united to God, through Christ can have joy and peace in this world and in the world to come: therefore, this salvation is important and inevitable. The loss of our souls in eternity is the worst thing that can happen to us. The happiness of heaven with Christ, the Man of Calvary, who bore our sins, is enough to compensate all the accumulated losses we might suffer in this world!

Christ came into this world to save man from the bondage of sin and to deliver him from the jaws of eternal death. For which cause He tasted shame and death for every man that by his death He made us righteous.

What fatal consequence that awaits them have not Christ as their Saviour, Master, Lord and King. The glory of the world is a bubble, that will not last more than the morrow; but the joy of the Lord on the other hand shall last forever for sure. So make sure that you don't fall a prey to the pursuit of what best the world can offer for now. But pursue that which shall last forever. ■