

Sundar Singh
Paying Off a Debt (Part Six)



Today in Sunday School, we learned about what happened next to Sundar Singh. God kept him safe that night in the wilderness, and the next night, and the next. Sundar kept walking and telling everyone he could about God’s love.

Sometimes he would meet very religious men who were trying to do lots of “good things” to earn God’s grace. Sundar tried to help them understand that no one can ever be “good” enough on their own. God is the only One who is always perfect. We can never be perfect all of the time, no matter how hard we try. We will make mistakes, and God knows that. He wants us to do our best, but He knows we can’t make it to Heaven on our own. That’s why He sent Jesus to die for our mistakes. God takes Jesus’ perfection and credits it to us. It’s like if you owed a huge bill and couldn’t pay it. What if you owed someone one trillion dollars? Could you ever work hard enough or earn enough allowance money to pay a bill that huge? Probably not, and even if you could, the debt we owe God is even bigger. So when we ask Jesus to save us and trust in His love, God marks our bill, “Paid in Full.”

Sundar traveled over the Khyber Pass into Afghanistan, then back to the Jammu and Kashmir region of India. He met another Christian named Samuel Stokes who dressed like a sadhu as he did, and they traveled together all through the winter. When spring came, Sundar got very sick. Samuel found an Englishman who owned a home and offered to let them both stay with him until Sundar was well. The Englishman didn’t really care to talk about God or sin, but as time passed, he started to listen to what Sundar and Samuel had to say. The more he listened, the more questions he asked them. By the time Sundar was healthy again, the man had decided to believe in Jesus!

Sundar and Samuel worked and traveled together for a while longer until Samuel decided to go to the United States. Samuel wanted to talk to people about joining them in India and helping people hear about Jesus. Sundar kept walking from village to village, telling people about Jesus. One day he was telling some farmers about God when someone threw a rock and hit Sundar in the head! The man’s friends were scared—what would Sundar do?

“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to pay for all the things I do wrong. Please help me to do my best for You because I love You, not because I’m trying to work my way to Heaven. Thank You. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.”