

Title: **THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF WILLIAM CAREY**

Text: **Hebrews 11**

(I) THE TREMENDOUS FERVOR OF WILLIAM CAREY TO REACH THE WORLD

- 1. A heart for God and His work**
- 2. A heart for missions**
- 3. William's personal manifesto for missions**
"Expect great things from God! Attempt great things for God!"
- 4. Sent out by the Baptist missionary Society**

(II) THE INDOMITABLE FAITH OF WILLIAM CAREY IN THE MISSION FIELD

- 1. Faith to attempt something great**
 - a) Despite the opposition of the wife
 - b) Despite the lack of knowledge of Biblical missions work
 - c) Despite the opposition of the East India Company
 - d) Despite a steep Hindu culture in India
- 2. Nobility and perseverance to do the Lord's will**
 - a) "Tent Making" ministry
 - b) Family difficulties
 - c) Diseases - Dysentery
 - d) No conversions for seven years
 - e) Setbacks in translation work - Fire in printing room

(III) THE FRUITS OF WILLIAM CAREY'S LABOUR

1. Initial Converts

- a) Krishnu, the first convert
- b) 6 more of low caste were baptised

2. Translation work

- a) The whole Bible in 30 different languages
- b) Becoming a professor of Bengali at Fort William College
 - i) Taught the British officials the Bengali language in the morning
 - ii) Preach the gospel to the poor and needy at night

3. Growth of work

- a) Serampore missions work in 1817
 - i) 10 mission stations in Bengal, supported by nine missionaries.
 - ii) 765 baptisms, 500 were Indians.
- b) More missionaries came and work extended before Serampore
- c) Brought about the cesation of the Suttee - Widow burning

(IV) THE GOOD TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM CAREY

1. Faith and works

- a) Faith shown by works (**James 2:18**)
- b) Faith working together with works (**James 2:22**)
- c) Faith perfected through works (**James 2:21**)

2. The faith of William Carey brought about success in missions work

- a) In great passion for God and His works
- b) In great simplicity of heart and mind in following God's will
- c) In great endurance
- d) In great faithfulness