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Issue 1

THE HAND ON THE TABLE

Communion Meditation

Ladies and Gentlemen, in the gospel according to Luke regarding the Lord's Supper, he records these words. And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me." And the cup in like manner after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, even that which is poured out for you. And behold, the hand of him that betrayeth Me is with Me on the Table." (ASV)

Luke records these sad words of Jesus: The hand of him that betrayeth Me, is with Me on the table. This was the final warning of Jesus, to Judas to turn back from his plan of betrayal and reject his bargain he had already made with the chief priests to sell Jesus for thirty pieces of silver...What haunting words they were. The hand that betrayeth Me is with Me on the Table.

But we do not need to examine Judas. Paul tells us to examine ourselves as we eat of the bread and drink of the cup. However, it is true with us also. When we observe the Lord's Supper, our hand is also with Him on the Table. When we reach out and take the bread, our hand is with Him on the Table. When we lift the cup and drink it, our hand is with Him on the Table. At the end of the day before we close our eyes in sleep we can reflect that earlier that day our hand was with Him on the Table.

On Monday and the rest of the week as you go about your job in the work place, the home place, the school place, the other place, or any place, remember to say regarding all your activities before the sons of men: Last Sunday, my hand was with Him on the Table. Was your hand on the Table with Him the hand of betrayal, was your hand on the Table with Him the hand of denial, or was your hand on the

Table the hand of your witness to the fact that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the living God? What ever your answer may be, it is always true when you observe the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day. Your hand is with Him on the Table.

The Prayer of a Sick Man

Isaiah Thirty-nine

Isaiah the prophet was sent to king Hezekiah with a message. It was an electrifying message. He said to the King, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." Whenever the Lord has something to say it ought to be enough to grab our attention. God speaks to us today, not by prophets and dreams, but now in these last days through His Son in and through the Bible.

God's message to Hezekiah was, SET THINE HOUSE IN ORDER FOR THOU SHALT DIE AND NOT LIVE. Isaiah did not have anything else to say. He delivered his message and left. The message was plain enough that it did not need to be explained. God Himself had made the diagnoses that the disease was terminal. Hezekiah did not say to Isaiah, "Are you sure that is a good translation? Isn't God too good to say a thing like that." Nor did he say to Isaiah, "You are a narrow minded bigot." He took the statement of God at face value. He accepted it as the truth.

Just as soon as Isaiah was gone, King Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed. He aimed his prayer at the wall. He prayed and he prayed a hole in the wall. He reminded the Lord what a good servant he had been how much he had done which was considerable, and complained that he was being deprived of his old age. His prayer went right through the granite, the cement, the mortar, the insulation and the bricks. That prayer made a per-

pendicular right hand turn and went straight up to God, and before Isaiah, the prophet, could get off the premises the Lord said, "Whoa Isaiah, go back and tell Hezekiah that I have changed my mind. I will let him live for fifteen more years. Tell him to put a lump of figs on that boil and he will be healed."

Hezekiah recovered from a terminal disease by the power of prayer. This is one of many cases when we learn that we as Christians are justified in asking for deliverance in times of sickness including terminal diseases. The power of prayer should never be minimized. We have a prayer chain in this ministry with over 3,000 names where they can all be alerted to the prayer needs of the servants of God. We truly believe that, God Is Just A Prayer Away.

Jesus said in Mark 11:24, "What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye shall receive them, and ye shall have them." Every prayer we pray should be prayed in faith that God hears and God will answer according to His will.

Jesus also said, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." That is the prayer we prayed over forty years ago that resulted in this radio broadcast. We asked for a nation wide radio ministry and in the process of time it is now heard world wide on radio and the Internet. Paul was right when he said, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him by the glory in the Church and Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever, Amen."

There is a bridge whereof the span-is rooted in the heart of man-It reaches without pile or rod unto the Great White Throne of God-It's traffic is in human sighs-fer-vently lifted to the skies-It is the one pathway from despair-and it is called the bridge of prayer.

Hear it again, Set thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live. A thousand voices proclaim that message to us every day. Graveyards, hospitals, funeral homes, diseases, pain, birthdays, calendars, these and many others remind us every day of our mortality. Set thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live.

If it could come to Hezekiah it could come to all of us. Remember the message that was sent to Jesus about Lazarus? "Lord, he whom thou lovest is sick." Closeness to the Lord does not rule out the message: Set thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live.

In the prayer of Hezekiah he told the Lord that his old age was being cut off. He said that he was being deprived of his years. He said, "My old age is departed." He knew that he would never know the joy of wearing bifocals. He would not live long enough to receive his Social Security checks--all that money down the drain for nothing. My age is departed. All because of the decree of the Lord, "Set thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live."

Hezekiah wanted some assurance that he would in truth be healed. He asked Isaiah, the prophet, "What sign will there be that I am healed?" Isaiah said, "Take your pick. Shall the shadow on the sundial go forward or backwards ten degrees?" Hezekiah said it would be a greater miracle for the shadow to do back ten degrees than forward. "Let's set it back," So Isaiah, the prophet, cried unto

the Lord, and it was done. The shadow on the sundial of Ahaz went back ten degrees.

For the sundial to go back ten degrees would be five hours. If it was twelve midday and it went back to seven in the morning, then by the time it caught up again that would mean that day was ten hours longer.

I checked the time on a sundial one time. My watch said it was one o'clock. The sundial said it was twelve o'clock. I knew my watch could not be that far off and I wondered how the sundial could be that far off. It came to me in a flash-my watch was set for daylight saving time and evidently God had not run His celestial clock back.

No matter how we fiddle with time, there is no way we can extend our time any more than it really is. God did in fact run the clock back for Hezekiah, but He is not in the habit of doing it for everybody. However it is an interesting question. I wish Almighty God would run my clock back about fifty years, there are a lot of things that I would do differently. Backward turn backward, time in thy flight, make me a child again just for tonight.

The healing of Hezekiah presents a theological problem. Hezekiah believed he would be healed when the lump of figs was applied to the boil. Was Hezekiah healed when he believed and before he was figtized, or was he healed after he believed and then figtized as an outward sign of an inward faith? Here is another question on figtism that has troubled many: Was it necessary to apply the whole lump of figs to the boils? Would it not have been just as good if Isaiah had sprinkled a little fig juice on him. This question has confounded the scholars for many years, but actually any High School dropout can easily figure it out.



UPDATE ON IKE & LEE PERTEY

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every body at GIJAPA for their prayers for us when the Lord tested our faith with that robbery case. We PTL for that, for we know it is well with our soul hence the Lord allowed it!

Nothing has so far been heard about the thieves and we are still working to replace what we lost. We thank God for Ed & Naomi for that publication about this issue and all those who donated for the clothes for us. We thank every body who is praying for us. Even though, we have not receive any letter threatening us apart from the first one, we do receive some strange calls from people who never want to identify themselves, but in all these, we thank God for His protection. With Him, we fear nothing, and nothing can prevent us from continuing to win souls for Him!!!

We also thank you for the radio to listen to the Radio Africa Broadcast and also the Radio, CD tape player. We thank you for all the materials for making the GIJAPA-THE TRUTH joint soul winning project a success. We promise to be more productive in the coming year. **Thank you every body (especially those who donate to the radio broadcast) once again for your time, and money for a very good cause. Thank you and may God Bless You!**

THANK YOU GOD!

We say PTL for letting us meet Ed & Naomi Bousman and GIJAPA. We thank God for His Mercies and wonderful ways of doing things. Meeting the Bousmans is a God-sent gift to us. Our soul-winning work is doing very well than before. May God bless you!

BIBLE STUDY COURSES

It's been barely 6 months now since we miraculously met Ed & Naomi Bousman through those Bible Study Lessons that were thrown away but fortunately got into our hands, and contacted GIJAPA to see if it was feasible for us to distribute them on their behalf? We are very glad to say that today; people are studying the word of God through the Bible Study Courses with much enthusiasm that people walk into our house to enroll for the course.

We have been successful at letting people take the course before they get a Bible. This way, nobody sells the Bible and throw away the Bible Study Courses. We have since July 2005 to date enrolled 191 students for the course. Out of this number, 18 have graduated and received their Bibles and 3 of Ed's New Testament Sermon Books. Only one student has received his certificate with 12 more awaiting theirs, which is on the way. Among these students are Customs Officers, Preacher School students, Pastors, students and even a Medical Doctor. We PTL for that!

The slow pace has been due to the fact that people don't know us but GIJAPA. But thank God we are gaining grounds as people are receiving and responding to our heart-touching advertisement designed by Ike and Lee and printed by Ed & Naomi for the job. We promise that 'THE TRUTH' will enroll more students by the end of December 2006.

TRACTS

THE TRUTH share tracts in buses, houses, offices, hospitals and also mail them but we must say that ever since we met Ed and Naomi, the responses we are receiving from the people for reading the tracts we hand over to them has been very tremendous! The "Facts Concerning The New Testament Church" tract by P.H. Welshimer (600 received) has been the most love-to-be-read tract among the numerous tracts we share! We have been receiving a lot of phone calls (as we put our phone #s on all the tracts) from people asking questions pertaining to the New Testament Church. Tracts are distributed alongside with the advertisement for the course, which has also given us the opportunity to let people to know about and enroll for the course. We shall need a large quantity of this tract in 2006.

BIBLES

We have so far received 9 cases (24 per case) of economy Bibles and 35 copies of Large Print Bibles, and 115 Bibles in our local language (which is the most requested Bibles by the people we reach for Christ in the villages or rural areas of Ghana where THE TRUTH wins souls, many of these people can't read or understand English. Out of this number of Bibles, 5 cases of the economy Bibles have been given out to serious people who truly need a Bible. The remaining 4 cases shall be given out to both graduates of the Bible Study Course and others who seriously and

urgently need Bibles. So far, 18 copies of the 35 Large Print Bibles have been given out to those 18 graduates--people who have completed 30 lessons of "Studies in the Bible." The remaining Bibles are reserved for the graduates of course. We have so far left just 41 Bibles in our local languages as those who requested them are always on our nerves for their Bibles. There are some 6 more villages to go into to share the remaining Bibles. We shall need more Bibles both in English and in our local languages in 2006. Bibles in our local languages are also pasted with "God's Plan of Salvation"--crack & peel labels same as the English Bibles.

THE TRUTH

We thank God for His mercies and blessings on this struggle-to-survive soul-winning ministry. We are still winning souls for Christ in the rural areas of Ghana where most Preachers wouldn't want to go regardless of tribulations and sufferings. It takes heart to really work in the areas where THE TRUTH works! It is just unfortunate that we do not have what it takes to tell our story in pictures or in videos, but we know that the Lord will open a way where there seems to be no way--Halleluiah!

Our current work at Fianko has been very successful. We planned moving to the next village among the 6 villages we have earmarked last month, but we decided to use December to visit and strengthen the won brethren and to also take advantage to talk to some of the people we were unable to during the actual calendar time. God willing we shall move into the next village in January 2006. The work will be tedious, time consuming and demands more funds, as we shall be traveling between villages.

BAPTISMS

Three souls have so far been baptized through the GIJAPA Bible Study Courses and two souls worshipping in the Lord's Church. Others will follow suits in 2006.

WE WISH EVERYBODY A HAPPY AND FRUITFUL NEW YEAR THIS 2006 AND BEYOND!!!!

LETTERS FROM LISTENERS:



The following letter is from Reg and Edith Rice from Kentucky:

Dear Ed & Naomi,

We hope you are well. The story of Ike and Lee Pertey has touched our hearts. We pray for them and don't really know any other way to help them only pray for them and if you can get this money to them for us. We hope to see you in January.

We love you,

Reg & Edith from Kentucky

FROM MEN'S PRISON IN CAIRO, EGYPT

Dear Ed,

I just received the September and October edition of your Newsletter and all what I read was very comforting to

my heart. Believe me: Our Lord is breathing through you in everything you say and I do see and happy to know how you've been motivated by God with great zeal and ego to be written an inspiration word for the salvation of souls. "Stillness of heart" is such a beautiful condition. Peace, Joy and Love are all wonderful with grace in sufficient are my prayers for you and Naomi with each of the Lord's people around you over there. By giving me this golden opportunity to be able received your monthly edition that is "amazing" as it shed much light to my life and nourishing my spirit, soul and body. Really! You are an encourager and by devoting your life to serve the Lord is credited with erecting over the righteousness to war the "crown" and towards the end of life you'll be prepared to meet the one you love most and love you too! So, as you undertook the compilation of working for God and serving God to accomplish this purpose in the life of people like me, you will be rewarded by Almighty God as He promises in Gospel of Matthew 25:21, "Come and enter into the joy of My Lord." I am praying for the people of New Orleans etc and all Americans as you are all going through the worrying time of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As Christians we have to remember always His word, "Never will I leave you, nor forsake you" and to remind ourselves that the Lord has won the victory over evil and we that are Christ are victorious. My dear brother in Christ, keep on with the good work and preaching to the world, God has assigned you for this wonderful job. He will treat and assuage every of your wounds and pains with every protections and guidance over you everyday of your life with my Angelic sister Naomi. You are all remains in my daily prayer.

In Christian love,
Owolabi, Kanater Men's Prison,
Quoloby-Cairo, Egypt

Dear Friends,

I was listening on your program a few days ago. Could you please send me some information on your station? Really it is a pleasure to me to travel the world on

shortwave. Very often I'm listening on shortwave and do write down some reports. I hope to hear from you soon. I'm 68 years old.

Kind regards,
Bent, Bornholm, Denmark

Ed and Naomi,

44 years, radio. Congratulations! If you had a dollar for every year "44 years!" Therefore I am sending \$44 to help continue the ministry. The real treasure is upstairs "in heaven." Thanks and thanks to God, take care.

Paul, Lizton, Indiana

My dear precious Brother Ed Bousman and family all,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for your help and Bible Correspondence Course, first five lessons, to me. We are praying for you and your ministry, God Is Just A Prayer Away service and radio broadcast. In the Sri Lanka Broadcasting i.e. Twenty Eight Twenty Minute Sermons on the Book of Acts. To be saved, I am believe in the Lord. To be saved I must repent Luke 13:35. To be saved I must CONFESS Matthew 10:32. To be saved I must be Baptized Matthew 28:18-20. The church is Christ's body to be saved our obedience in faith, repentance, confession, baptism, when we obey and become a part of His body we receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit and are faithful until death. Thank you for your help. My humble request, please recommend to me third lesson Bible Correspondence course. Please accept my too late this sending. My wife and my son, my daughter we are praying for you and your good service and Radio Broadcasting service and family blessings. I am very glad that I recommend my wife M. Mary Margaret age 32, my son L. Surya Soman 13 years, my daughter name L. Ashajyothi 11 years. My wife like correspondence course. We are praying for you and your good service. I will send as soon as possible photos.

Thanking you,
Evangelist Syamalarao from
Srikakulam, India

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