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HAPPY 91ST BIRTHDAY, ED!

What an awesome ride it has been: The past 67 years have been devoted to preaching the gospel and 47 of those on the radio - GIJAPA. It's amazing to think that the 28th President, Thomas Woodrow Wilson was in office when Ed was born, and his 91 years has spanned over 16 additional presidents to the 44th President Obama. Thank you for all the cards, calls and emails Ed has received after his two surgeries this past month. He has recovered very well and is looking forward to speaking at the National Prayer Clinic in Grundy, VA October 16th. Most of all thank you for your PRAYERS!

JESUS OF NAZARETH PASSETH BY

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, tell us about two blind men sitting by the way side begging; one of them was named Bartimaeus, and hearing a great multitude passing by, asked what it meant, and they were told, Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.

Now there are three types of blindness. First there is physical blindness such as Bartimaeus, and then there is mental blindness. Worst of all, there is spiritual blindness. People who are spiritually blind; are unable to see scriptural truth, because they are blinded by prejudice.

The real reason for spiritual blindness is in the words of the Apostle Paul in Second Corinthians chapter four when he says, "In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." They become like blind men walking along side a cliff, feeling perfectly safe, even though they may drop off any minute into everlasting darkness. Jesus said, "Having eyes that see not, and ears that hear not, neither do they understand."

We also note that the faith of these two who were physically blind was based on what they heard, and not what they saw. What a condemnation on those who can see physically; read the word of God, and not see anything.

Jesus of Nazareth is still passing by today, and the

uproar of the crowd is still heard; pandemonium reigns supreme, as the Devil strives to drown out the cries for mercy. But I fervently hope that perhaps through the din of the noise on Sunday, and the roar of the multitude to "Hold thy peace," our voice can still be heard as we continue to cry out: "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

Bartimaeus would not be stopped. He cried out again. A different Greek word is used. This time it was a shriek, an inarticulate scream several times; "HAVE MERCY ON ME!" It was difficult to make out the words; "Thou Son of David have mercy on me." That cry for mercy is an appropriate prayer for any of us to pray at any time: "Lord, thou Son of David have mercy on me." That did it, he got the Lord's attention. We might think the noise level in this world is so great it would drown out the prayers of those who cry out for mercy, but if it had to be done the Lord would mute the trumpet of Gabriel, just to hear those who cry for mercy when Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.

Then Jesus stood still. Bartimaeus by screaming, "Jesus: Thou Son of David, have mercy on me," causes the Son of God to stand still. And they called the blind man, saying unto him, "Be of good comfort, rise; He calls thee." There are other examples of Jesus standing with His own in the hope of the resurrection from the dead, standing with them in the faithful preaching of the word, and when all friends desert them. So the procession stopped and Jesus of Nazareth stood still as He was passing by.

The King of the universe extended the scepter to the

blind men, and they were invited to draw near, and touch the tip, and make their request. "What would you that I do unto thee?" This was the second time Jesus asked that question. Just before this He had asked James and John, "What wouldest thou that I do unto thee?"

Now the Lord knew why the blind men asked for mercy, but He wanted to hear them say it. He does not leave himself open to grant things we have no business having. They could have said, "Lord, give us silver and gold." That is what they usually begged to receive, and that is what most spiritually blind would ask for today. But Bartimaeus and his friend said, "Lord that our eyes may be opened." And Jesus being moved by compassion, touched their eyes; and straightway they received their sight.

Actually opening the eyes of the blind was the program of Jesus when he came into the world. He declared in John the eighth chapter, "I am the light of the world; He that follows Me shall not live in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Jesus Himself instructed the apostle Paul when He appeared to him on the road to Damascus: "To this end have I appeared unto thee, to appoint thee a minister and a witness both of the things whereof thou hast seen Me, and the things wherein I will appear unto thee: delivering thee from the people and from the Gentiles, unto whom I send thee, to open their eyes, that they may turn them from darkness unto light and from the power of darkness unto God that they might receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in Me."

What a thrill it must have been; the first thing the blind men saw was the face of Jesus. They had the advantage over us. While we today have heard about Jesus, and read about Jesus, we have never seen Him face to face. However that day will come, because John tells us in 1st John the third chapter: We know that when he shall appear we shall see him as he is, and shall be made like Him.

Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, and Bartimaeus saw his need of Jesus, but he also saw something else. He saw that this was his one, and only chance. There were many blind that were cured by the Lord Jesus Christ in His sojourn on earth, but only seven cases are mentioned, and this would be the last one to receive this blessing. If he missed this chance while Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he would remain in darkness for the rest of his earthly life.

Paul speaks of spiritual darkness in Colossians when he says: "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." We remind all who are yet in the kingdom of darkness, Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.

Now notice again the great spiritual wisdom of Bartimaeus. He saw he could not afford to let anything stand in his way. When Jesus called him, Mark says, "And he, casting away his garment sprang up and came to Jesus." Bartimaeus let go of a very valuable property so that nothing could impede his progress in coming to Jesus. His cloak was his bed, his covering from the cold. He could ill afford to lose it in this crowd. Paul in Hebrews twelve gives us the same advice. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with

patience the race that is set before us."

There wasn't anything immoral about the garment Bartimaeus was wearing, but since it hindered his progress it had to go. Paul said there are two things that hinder our progress, weights and sin. The weight may not be a sin, but if it impedes our spiritual progress it becomes sin. You never see a runner in the Olympics wearing an overcoat, and carrying two pieces of luggage. Many people in the race of life are simply carrying too much baggage. To be effective in the race of life something has to go. Like Bartimaeus, spring up and casting off the garment spotted by the flesh, too much baggage impedes the progress in coming to Jesus. These are golden moments that can never be reclaimed. Our philosophy needs to be: "Nothing is going to stop me when Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

Now here is the conclusion. And Jesus said unto him, "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. Listen to that. Jesus told him to go his way, and he followed Jesus in the way. What a joy it was to follow Jesus in the way. Some wonderful things happened as he followed Jesus in the way. For one thing Luke tells us that he received his sight, and followed glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it gave praise unto God.

Following Jesus in the way is the way of giving praise unto God. How sweet it is to attend the services, and give praise unto God on the day that is called Sunday. But that is not all, if he followed Jesus to Bethany, he saw Him raise up a rotting corpse and bring Lazarus back to life. Isn't it wonderful to follow a Saviour who can raise the dead. We love, to sing - We will sing, and shout the victory. Then too, just think if he followed Jesus to Jerusalem he participated in the Triumphant Entry. He followed Jesus in the way. Then later on that week as he followed Jesus something went all haywire. The singing stopped. people started shouting, "Crucify Him! crucify Him!" And all of a sudden it was no fun to follow Jesus anymore. I don't know what happened to Bartimaeus, but almost everybody else left Jesus. There were three left at the cross when Jesus was crucified.

This thing of following Jesus is not an easy way. It is the way of the cross. It is a life of denial. It is not all singing sentimental songs with a good beat, listening to gospel quartets, hearing sermons that inspire us, and make us feel good, going to concerts, family camps, and going on weekend retreats. For the preacher it means that you will faithfully preach the Word whether it is popular or not.

So follow Him in the way. Many today may be members of a church and never follow Jesus anywhere. They render not according to the blessing they have received. In the Old Testament King Hezekiah was sick unto death. The prophet Isaiah told him he had one year to live. Isaiah left and Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed a hole in the wall, his prayer took a right hand vertical turn, and went straight up to God, and the Lord extended his life fifteen years. At the end of the fifteen years was the sad comment, "He rendered not according to the benefits he had received."

The same can be said in too many cases today. We accept the blessings of salvation God has given unto us,

and render very little in return. The average contributions across the board of religious groups is said to be about two percent. Sometimes that is given with the excuse: "I'm giving all I can." It is good that God did not feel that way when He sent Jesus into the world, he really did give all he could. The cry of Bartimeaus, and his companion needs to be heard today by many church members; "Have mercy on us thou Son of God."

Twenty centuries have gone by since Jesus passed by on that highway that led to the cross, but there are still people who are morally and spiritually blind today on the highway of life. Jesus is still passing by today, and all through these centuries He has never failed to hear the cry: "Jesus thou son of David have mercy on me."

The Bible still says, "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." It still says, "They went down into the water, and he baptized him, and they came up out of the water." It still says to every believer who repents, "Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling upon the name of the Lord."

Again He comes from place to place, His holy footprints we can trace.

He passes at our threshold, nay; He enters condescends to stay.

Shall we not gladly raise the cry, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

Ho, all ye heavy laden come, Here's pardon, comfort rest and home

Ye wanderers from the Father's face Return accept His offered grace

Ye tempted ones, there's refuge nigh Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.



Ed's sermon translation program is doing very well. I am still working on this while waiting to see what the Lord will do for our new plan for the soul winning job. Last Friday's was ok with 2 souls baptizing last Sunday when they worshiped with us at church. We thank you for the materials but will need more Bibles.

As from September, Lee and I will cease supporting the Adawukwao Church of Christ on transportation cost. Pray that you will one day delegate somebody or some people to come over to see the work we are doing together here. Thank you and keep praying.

We will require some more used clothing as we would be moving into another area and for some new converts who need some clothing like: men's and women's shoes, shirts, t-shirts, skirts, dresses, girls and boys clothing, babies' items and clothing, pants (men and women) and anything you can lay hands on. Thank you so much.

We thank you very much for those boxes of 24 Bibles in 2 boxes, the lesson and their marking keys and also the cups and glasses. They are so beautiful and ok for us. Thank you so much and thank you for the Bibles and also

the lessons. We have given some out already but my question is would the students get a certificate and or a bible for it as with the other lessons? Some of the people asked us and said will ask you. Our records indicates that we have so far baptized 91 souls since January 2009. We are still on to see what the lord will do for us by the end of December. Keep praying for us.

Love, Ike & Lee

Hi Sir Ed!

You've responded that fast! I've just checked it on my sent item to confirm either my message has been sent to you. Yet, you've already responded. Hmmp! It seems you're more active than your current age of almost 91 indicates? How do you feel now my dear brother? How's your health working? I'm really impressed on you. I love you my brother. I really believe in God's hand for every generation to preserve His people & keep on working for His redemption and I believe He has given you to us for this purpose. How I wish I could meet you one time on this side of the globe. Just a word of thanks Sir Ed Bousman! I've just read today your message about your help thru our very own good brother Reg R. I'm overwhelmed with joy & tears, & I do not know exactly what to say. Please relay my big thank you to brother Reg. May God bless you all for this aid we badly need.

Ed Domingo from Philippines

I've been able to receive the Bible you sent me and I'm too glad to be remembered may God be with you, thanks. And I hope that you would do the same about the clothes I and my four college room mates kindly and desperately needed thanks.

Tedros K. Eritrea, E Africa

Dear Brother Ed and Sister Naomi,

On behalf of Messenger Church of Christ, I would like to thank you for the Bibles, tracts, Pilgrimage to the Promised Land courses and the books for the ladies that you sent. We have received them safely but only one of Bibles is still on the way coming. My wife is very excited with the books for ladies. I would like to report about the church growth. It is amazing to see the power of your prayers and gifts (Bibles, lessons, clothes and shoes) making the growth of the Church even greater. Your gifts and prayer are the weapons that destroys the work of Satan. I sent pictures of the Messenger Church of Christ that opened February 2009. As of now 64 baptized members have come into being in the congregation. They are still very young in faith ready to learn more about Jesus Christ and His Church. My daughter Veronica now 17 years doing grade 11 took her shoes for repair. She spoke the word of God with the shoe repair and on Sunday this man came with his wife to Church. Thank you so very much working together with you we can go a long way enlightening and saving the lost souls. Praise the Lord, may God reward you abundantly.

John Maseka, Evangelist Messenger Church of Christ, Solwezi, Zambia, Central Africa

Dear Ed and Ministry team,

It was with great surprise that we received your more than generous gift of 5 volumes of sermons, 2 copies of "Studies In the Bible" and 3 copies of your August newsletter. Already we've passed on some of the smaller items to good friends who we know will be interested. We are in our mid-seventies and not in any ministry, so I will see if anyone at Church would like any of the volumes after reading through them. It is very kind of you to have donated so much spiritual food to us, and we would like to thank all those involved in the packing and postage of these. We still enjoy listening on Sunday morning at 8:00 AM (Bible Voice Europe shortwave broadcast) and in spite of your age, we hope the Lord keeps you in good health so that you can continue as long as possible doing this good work for the kingdom. With thanks and God's continued blessings

M/M John Wray from Cottingham E. Yorks in Great Britain



Study group from the Messenger Church of Christ. Evangelist John Maseka standing. NOTE: Red books are Bibles that GIJAPA sent.



Bible Study - Kapapa Shenty Campgrounds. NOTE: Red Bible and used clothing from GIJAPA



Grandmother Linisa S., kneeling, living with her grandchildren after her house was blown away in a heavy storm. She goes to the Messenger Church of Christ. NOTE: used clothes from GIJAPA.



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