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EYE SALVE AND SIN

As Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from his birth, it was not just a passing glance, He stopped and observed him. At this point the Apostles engaged the Lord in that question.

This is a popular explanation. Some are quick to point out a calamity that befell some people was God's judgment for a sin they had committed. Actually such things can happen to anybody. Some of the best Christians I know have died early in life. I have known of very devout Christians who have died suddenly with a heart attack. How about the Apostle James? He died an untimely death by decapitation. How could the Lord spare an Apostle? The Lord can do without any of us. I have seen James die at twenty two, twenty six, forty, forty seven, Christians can get cancer and heart attacks just as much as the worst of sinners. God can do without any of us, but we cannot do without God.

Did this man sin or his parents? How could a man sin before he was born? One way they may have thought this possible would be in the case of Esau and Jacob. In Genesis 25:22 Rebekah conceived and the children struggled together within her: and she said, "If it be so why am I thus?" And the Lord said unto her, "Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels . . ." Again it may seem to some that they may have believed in reincarnation. This teaching finds no backing from

the inspired word of God. Hebrews chapter nine tells us it is appointed for man once to die and after this the judgment. It would be bad enough to be tried for the sins done in one body without having to give account for the deeds done in thirty different bodies in thirty different life times. There is just one lifetime to a customer.

As far as the physical is concerned we can see how this man could have suffered because of his parents. How about the sin of Old Daddy Adam? Paul tells us by one man sin came into the world and death by sin. Just one sin was all it took to kill the whole human race. Think of the power of one sin. If one sin could result in the death of all men how much damage can six of our sins do to your eternal soul? We have no idea of the power of sin. It is so powerful that it took the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to pay the price of our redemption.

Then again we can look at their question from the standpoint of our own observation. The sins of the parents today have caused the children to sin. If the parents have set the example of no time for God, the Bible or the Lord's church, the parents to all intents and purposes have put their kids on a greased toboggan slide and let them slide right in to hell.

Then again at the present time they might ask if the mother was a chain smoker, or did she snort cocaine? That might have done it. Did she have aids or

syphilis that might result in blindness for the baby? Was the father drunk when the child was conceived? Was it the fault of the parents? They evidently connected his condition with sin one way or the other. That is a natural instinct as far as man is concerned. We always connect sin with judgment.

In this case while the apostles reasoned as to the cause of his blindness, Jesus was more concerned as how best to help him. He said we must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work. Our time on earth is compared to one day. We need to understand that none of us know when sunset will come in each life. For some our day is extended, for some it comes quickly. There is no time to waste. The scripture teaches, "Redeem the time for the days are evil." Some may think they may have many years of service left, but James reminds us, "Say not we will go to this city or that city and continue there a year or so and buy and sell and get gain for ye know not what shall be on the morrow. Your life is a vapor that appeareth for a short time and vanisheth away."

So He spit on the ground and made clay of spittle and anointed his eyes with the clay and told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam, the man did and same seeing, Is there no eye salve for us today? Jesus made him some eye salve. Jesus wants to give us eye salve. The Church at

Laodicea in Revelation three said they were rich and had need of nothing. That is the way they saw themselves. Jesus said, "You don't know it, but you are wretched, miserable, blind and naked." Then He told them to get some eye salve and anoint their eyes that thou mayest see.

We need some eye salve. There is no better eye salve than the word of God. Read the Great Commission in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and you will be able to see much better the need to evangelize the lost. The work of the church is not entertainment, and building bigger buildings. The main work of the church is saving souls. Put on some eye salve and you will be able to see that Holy men spake from of old as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. Put on some eye salve and you will be able to see that city that hath foundations whose builder and maker is God. Take a liberal dose of the eye salve of God's word every day and you will be surprised how your vision will change.

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NO SUBSTITUTE FOR JESUS

The first time love is mentioned in the Old Testament is when God told Abraham, "Take now thy son thine only son Isaac whom thou lovest and offer him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I will tell thee." The first time the word love is mentioned in the New Testament is when God said; "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Both first times love is first mentioned, is the love of the Father and the Son.

And so it was, that Isaac was bound and laid on the altar. Abraham stretched forth his hand and took the knife to slay his son. His hand was raised, at that moment an angel called unto him from Heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham:" and he said, "Here I am." The angel said, "Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing that thou has not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

By saving the life of Isaac God shows that human sacrifice is not acceptable. This was a sin that Stephen accused Israel of doing in his defense before he was stoned. He reminded them that their ancestors had taken up the tabernacle of Molech. In Second Kings 21 there is an example of king Manasseh making his son pass through the fire to Molech. Molech had a hollow belly. A fire was inside. His arms were outstretched in a

cradle position. The infant as laid on the red hot arms as a sacrifice. The thunderous beating of drums drowned out the screams of the infant so that the mother could not hear. This was one of the sins that resulted in the Babylonian captivity. One wonders what fate awaits America as the millions of babies are sacrificed in the modern day Moloch of abortion. Those who abort call it terminating the pregnancy. That term terminate the pregnancy somewhat silences the screams of the butchered infant.

Actually the sacrifice of Isaac would not have been acceptable because the sacrifice that was prefigured here had to be perfect. The lamb of sacrifice was always examined for imperfections before sacrifice. Nothing less could satisfy the demands of justice but the perfect Lamb of God who was examined and was declared to be perfect; tempted in all points like as we are and yet without sin.

The only sacrifice the Lord requires in us in what Paul said in Romans 12. I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Hear it again, lay not thine hand upon the lad. Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw a ram caught in the thicket by the horns and he took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son. Isaac was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ in many points. But there is one thing that is missing. The ram was the substitute for Isaac. There was no substitute for Jesus on the cross. Peter said, "There is therefore no other name under Heaven whereby we must be saved." There is no other Savior, there is no other plan.

So Abraham built an altar there and called the name of the place Jehovah-jireh. Which means the Lord will provide. In the amount of the Lord it shall be seen. Abraham saw the place. Where was this place? It is identified as being in the mountains of Moriah. Solomon built the Temple on one of the Mounts of Moriah. Some seem to think the place where Abraham went was that very spot. There is another possibility. Mount Calvary, the place of a skull, was also there. Golgotha was forty feet higher than the Temple. While we don't know for sure it is significant that Abraham traveled three days to get there. That place of the offering of Isaac must have some significance. Abraham called it Jehovah-jirah. In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen. Could it be the place where Abraham offered up Isaac was the very spot where the Lord Jesus was crucified for our sins? Whether

it is the actual place of the cross or the temple; Abraham with prophetic vision could look across the chasm of almost two thousand years and see there would be no substitute for the Son of God. And so when I stand in the water and immerse a person into Christ-baptizing them into His death—I can say with Abraham, Jehovah-jirah. This is Mount Calvary. This is the hill of Golgotha. This is the Mount of the Lord.

(EXCERPTED FROM THE SERMON
ABRAHAM OFFERS ISAAC)

LETTERS FROM LISTENERS



Beloved Pastor Ed Bousman,

I pray that the blood of Jesus Christ may flow on your great ministry. In fact, I am reading the six books concerning the Old and the New Testaments sermons. They are interesting.

As a result, I am applying for a post as a Representative in your Ministry. I need your experiences, your spiritual background.

I hope Pastor Ed Bousman will agree or accept the post of an oversea advisor or supervisor of all activities of our Mission. I am planning to open a Bible school. I need your advice and wish the certificates or diplomas to come from you every three years or two.

Excuse me. I need some help for the Mission (1st Kings chapter 17 verses 1 to 26).

We are praying for you so that you invite us in your yearly convention or you may decide to come to us for crusade, seminars or revival in Cote D'ivoire.

I will send you my photo next time. May God bless you.

Yours in His service,

Pastor Latte

from the Ivory Coast of Africa

Dear Ed Bousman,

First of all thank you for everything that you have done for me. God bless you and your family. Ed, I am so glad about all your services and it is helpful for expand gospel. Ed, I am one of the participate in your Bible course study until now, but now because of control of government in our school I will stop for unlimited time. I am so sad to tell you this, but I must to tell so please don't send me your sermon and the course paper

because of this they can couch us. So please stop until some change are coming here and please pray for us and for all Christians that live here. God bless you.

Aklilu, from the
Middle East Broadcast

Dear Ed,

Warmest greetings to you and every one of you at GIJAPA ministry. Many thanks for sending me the bible, newsletters, and certificates of completion of the Studies in the Bible (Genesis to Revelation). I would like to tell you that I have learned more about God from you and now I am able to teach others as I have learned.

Dear Sir, please continue to send me the monthly newspaper and other scripture that can help me to grow spiritually and to spread the gospel for every creature.

May God richly bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you. Amen.

Yours truly in Christ
Habtom, from the
Middle East Broadcast

Dear Ed Bousman,

First of all I forward you my warm greetings from my heart in the precious name of Jesus. Thank you very much for your spiritual services in all countries and free and kindly offering. I have studied your correspondence Bible study since September 2003 almost about one year and four months. I have completed Discipling for Jesus—a total of 25 lessons and principles of Christian living for Studies in the Bible—Genesis to Revelation—a total of 30 lessons. Now I have studied and completed Christian Doctrine understand the word of God well. They are well-organized and relevant to study. From free offering NIV Bible, a certificate of Discipling for Jesus and Principles of Christian Living, monthly newsletter, Old Testament Sermon—Volume one, New Testament Sermon—Volume one, two, and three. I am very glad. I can't express how much I am life, parents, ministry and economically more and more by His precious name and Jesus Christ. Amen

From your Student's
Zenawi, from the
Middle East Broadcast

Dear Ed Bousman,

First of all I'd like to forward you my greeting from the bottom of my heart. I come to the point about lesson 18 and 19. I'm sorry, I can't answer about my local church and my part in the local church. I

am a teacher of academic elementary school in rural area to work. I have fellowship with other teachers and students in the village. We are organized from different churches and places and make fellowship and worship our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that we are one in Jesus Christ and we are the body of Christ. We are witness about Lord Jesus for students or someone who asked us and we preach about Jesus Christ in order to become followers of Jesus Christ. When I return in my place Asmara, simply I attend and worship in my local church. Now day all churches in Eritrea are closed by the government. There is no any spiritual movement openly. And it is not allowed to enter spiritual tape, cassette by post office. Don't send me tape cassette. But it is allowed to send me any spiritual books or newsletters or papers. Good bye.

I wish you this New Year is yours to bless by God your economically ministry. And successful year in all rounded. Thanks very much. God bless you.

From your Student
from the Horn of Africa

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

I wish you and all out there a "GIJAPA"—"A Belated Blessed New Year 2005."

Many thanks for sending me your audio tapes, newsletters and some volumes of your Old and New Testament Sermons. In fact, due to the sad demise of my mother last November, my sister and myself were in grief. However the very next month we received your above mentioned spiritual material. Hearing your tapes and reading your books renewed our spiritual strength to overcome our recent sorrow. We hear your tapes and read your literature ever so often. It's so comforting to know that there is a way to a total holy and joyous and everlasting life with the Lord Jesus Christ in His kingdom. We look forward with haste towards His second coming. We also try our best to spread the Good News of God's kingdom to other people.

However, some people do ask me questions which I find difficult to answer. For example:

1. If when Christ hung on the cross the thief crucified by His side could last minute pardon of Christ and be forgiven, then even today anyone can lead a bad life and if they get a chance they can last minute ask Christ to pardon their sins and thus be forgiven and will gain entry to God's kingdom. So why lead a good life at all?

2. Which of God's elect will reside in

the new heavens and which of them will reside in the new earth?

3. If one does not find a true Bible following church then what should he do until he finds one, and, how should he observe the Sabbath in such a case?

4. The New Age religion's are gaining ground and are drawing many away from the true faith. Beside fiction novels like Dan Brown's "The DaVinci Code" etc. Which tell us lies that Christ married and has a child confuse and give second thoughts to Christians regarding the truth of the word of God—"the Holy Bible."

5. Many folks doubt the second coming of Christ will take place at all. Others doubt it will take place in the near future despite the signs given to us in the Holy Bible. They feel for too long they have heard about the above mentioned.

Sir, I request you to make some sermons on the above mentioned questions, so that we will be better prepared to answer any questions.

Dr. Embedkar,
Sri Lanka, India

Brother Ed,

As my poor health prevents me from moving outdoors often, please pray for me so that I recover from my ill health soon.

Once again I wish all of you at GIJAPA. "A belated Blessed New Year 2005."

With Much Love,
Your Brother in Christ,
Newton, Sri Lanka, India

Dear Evang. Bousman,

It's my joy to let you know that, your programme on Radio Africa is having great impact in my spiritual life, and I thank God for your presence in our homes.

May the Almighty God continue to bless your ministry as your labour to extend God's kingdom and bring more souls to Him.

I want you to send me some of your inspirational books and Bibles for our group. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully,
Patricia, from Radio Africa

Ed and Naomi,

How are u two doing, I know neither of u probably remember me, but u have been sending me the Sermon of the Week since I was like 15 or 16. The first time I saw Ed speak was at church camp in Hillsboro. And I have been seeing him speak at the Prayer Clinic. I love hearing him speak, and I would appreciate it if u would continue to send me these to my

new e-mail. I have been in the navy for 3 years now, and I am out here in Hawaii, and I just love these sermons of the week.

Thank you and I appreciate it.
Jeremiah from US Navy

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

Precious calvary greetings to you in the name of beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ. I thank you so much for your Bible study lessons and GIJAPA monthly newsletter. In these lessons I have got to study the word of God and live upright Christian lives. In my country, it is difficult to participate freely in churches. The govt of my country has closed all churches, except orthodox churches and Catholic churches. At this time, we are nomads from one home to another. Please pray for me and my country.

May almighty God bless you all.
Your brother in Christ,
Mesfin from Eritrea, East Africa

Pastor Ed Bousman,

Thank you for your Sunday night broadcast which I listen to on WRVA (1140 am) out of Richmond, VA. Your speaking manner and presentation on the air is very inspiring to me (hopeless sin-

ner that I am). Please do not change a thing. I look forward to your show each week as the highlight of my Sunday evening.

Thanks, Jim S.
Waverly, VA

Dear Ed!

Future to your weekly radio broadcast Sunday Morning. I enjoy listening in the very internet to your broadcast at Bible Voice Broadcasting (www.BibleVoice.org.) It is very convenient because I can choose the time I want to listen. I suggest, that you should mention this opportunity in your newsletter. God bless you and your family!

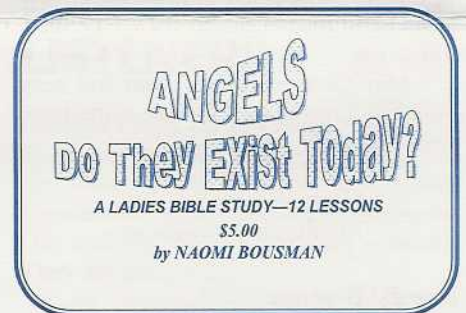
Horst in Hamburg, Germany

Dear Brother Ed & GIJAPA Family,

Christian Greetings! I would like to thank you for integrating me and my fellow prisoners here in Kanter Prison (located in Cairo, Egypt) into this great family to enjoy the lessons and your constant prayers. I pray God to provide the funds so as to reach as many people as possible who are lost in the coming year. We acknowledge your love, care and support toward us here and prayed that all knowing, all powerful and and ever-pre-

sent God continue to use you greatly in His service and work. May He abide with you in all enfolding love, joy and peace now and forever more. You and Naomi with all the Lord's people you remain in our daily prayers. In Christian love from we brothers here in prison that are studying your Bible Studies lessons and listening to GOD IS JUST A PRAYER AWAY broadcast.

Kryetymami, Midavdo, Servaikaran, Ohenese, Ratnasabapathy, Aseenatham, Djwjtrios, Vikanac, Zhngng, Paterno, Adam, Raymond, Anthony, Melad, Owolabi, Robert, Kent, Nestor, Nosa. Cairo, Egypt (Middle East Broadcast)



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