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THERE IS DEATH IN THE POT

Second Kings chapter four

The first semester for G.B.S. had begun - G.B.S. stands for GILGAL BIBLE SEMINARY. Professor Elisha was teaching a class on how to raise the dead. He was well qualified to teach this class seeing as how he had just raised a young man from the dead. He was telling the class that a good way to tell that you are getting the job done is to listen for the corpse to sneeze. If he sneezes seven times you have got it made. At this point the bell rang for the lunch hour and this presented a problem.

The problem was that there was a dearth in the land. That means there was a famine - a depression and food was scarce. Since there was no food in the cafeteria something had to be done. Professor Elisha had the solution to the problem. He said to a servant, "SET ON THE GREAT POT AND SEE THE POTTAGE FOR THE SONS OF THE PROPHETS."

This was done and several went out to find herbs in the field to throw into the great pot. One fellow went out and found a wild vine that had gourds on it. He got a lap full of the gourds, came back to the fire, and shredded the gourds in the pot. When the pottage seemed to be done, everybody was given a bowl of three-way stew. At this point a revolting development took place. All of the Bible College students cried out, "O THOU MAN OF GOD THERE IS DEATH IN THE POT."

This announcement did not perturb Professor Elisha, he told them to bring meal. They threw the meal in the pot and then they ate and there was no harm in the pot.

This is a true historical event and the same thing is true in this event as in all other one hundred and eight sermons in this series of Old Testament messages. Remember Paul said that these things happened by way of example and were written for our admonition.

There is a great similarity in this story and the condi-

tions of the present day. Remember it says there was a dearth in the land. People are hungry today. Think of the nations that are starving today. Hunger is a major problem. Think of the hungry in our own country, especially among those who live on the street. The Prophet Amos prophesied a great famine. In Amos chapter eight, verses eleven and twelve he states, (11) "Behold, the days come saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord;" (12) "And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it."

The famine that Amos is speaking about is a famine of the word of God. That famine is on at this time. People are starving for the Word of God. The Churches of Christ and/or Christian Churches are getting so little of the Word of God that many of them who hear me for the first time think I must be a preacher in the non-instrumental Church of Christ. Some in the non-instrumental Church when they hear me for the first time think I am one of them until they hear the piano music. It seems that both groups agree that the instrumental Church of Christ and/or Christian Churches are not hearing too much Bible in their preaching. There is a dearth in the land. People are starving for the Word of God. Like Amos said, "They run to and fro and can't find it."

Many of our preachers feed their souls on the denominational sermon books. You are what you eat. Our people are hungry and they are ready to eat anything. Like the students of Gilgal Bible Seminary, they ask no questions but are ready to swallow anything. If it looks good they swallow it whole.

Just as the poison gourds that were thrown into the pot would have poisoned the young prophets, even so the poison of the theological toad stools that are thrown into the

Gospel Pot will poison the souls of millions who are famished for the bread of life. O THOU MAN OF GOD THERE IS DEATH IN THE POT. Our people need to ask more questions. Like the people in Berea, search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

This is beneath most of our people however, it ain't nice to check up on the preacher. His word is taken in place of the Bible anyway.

Remember that Elisha threw some meal into the pottage and the meal was an antidote for the poison. The meal of the word of God will serve as an antidote to all of the wild gourds, poison vines, and toadstools our people are being fed today. Somewhere in the Bible, tucked away perhaps in some obscure spot you will find the answer to every false doctrine the Devil has manufactured. It may be in Genesis, or it may be in Revelation, or hidden away somewhere in the prophets, but there is a word, a phrase, a verse, a statement that has the answer. In the things that are said God will speak to you.

It is good to remember that Paul warned the Corinthians of false prophets who fashion themselves into Apostles of Christ and no marvel for even Satan transforms himself into an angel of light. So it is well that we examine some of the theological toadstools that have been thrown into the Gospel Pot. There are many of them, but here are a few. O THOU MAN OF GOD THERE IS DEATH IN THE POT.

POISONED ELDER VINE

One of the toadstools that has been thrown into the Gospel Pot is poisoned elder vine. One gourd that is being shred up today and cast into the pot is regards to gender. The scriptures speak of the male gender in the eldership and not female.

I told one lady once who wanted to be an elder that Paul said the elder should be the husband of one wife and that a woman just wasn't built that way. Her answer shut me up good. I did not know how to answer her. She swelled up like a toad and expostulated, "BUT PAUL DIDN'T MEAN THAT! Peter didn't mean that! Paul didn't mean that! Jesus didn't mean that." It is hard to cope with reasoning like that.

If Paul could be raised up from the dead today, he would have to rewrite what he said to Timothy about the qualifications of elders. His words would read like this:

Faithful is the saying, "If a man or woman either one or a man or a woman with another sexual preference desire the office of a bishop, he, she or it desireth a good work. The bishop therefore must be without reproach, the husband or the wife of one husband or one wife, whichever the case may be, temperate, sober minded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to teach; no brawler, no striker; but gentle, not contentious, no lover of money; one that ruleth well his, her or its own house, having his, her or its children in subjection with all gravity; but if a man or a woman or it knoweth not how to rule his, her or its own house, how shall he, she or it take care of the Church of God? Not a novice, lest being puffed up he, she or it fall into the condemnation of the devil."

That ladies and gentlemen is the way Paul would be required to rewrite the qualifications of elders if he listened to popular opinion. Everybody who has just heard what I

have said agrees. Some agree because they think that is what the scripture should say. Others agree that I am right in saying that is what some would like to see - the only thing is a lot of my nicer brethren would say I shouldn't have said it.

This gender toadstool has been thrown into the Gospel Pot and already millions have been poisoned. O THOU MAN OF GOD THERE IS DEATH IN THE POT.

Another area where toadstools have been thrown into the Gospel Pot is in the area of how to get into Christ.

HOW TO GET INTO CHRIST

Galatians 3:27 tells us, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ." Today a strange situation exists. Sometimes we have faith and repentance without baptism as in the case of those who believe in no kind of baptism at all. Sometimes we have baptism without faith and repentance as in the case of infant baptism. Sometimes we have faith and baptism without repentance as in the case of those who trust in a mere ceremonial form and have no intention of changing their lifestyle. Then some seem to think they have remission of sins without baptism as in the case of those who think that baptism has nothing to do with salvation. And then again we have baptism without the remission of sins as in the case of those who don't think baptism has anything to do with salvation and insist on having it done anyway. O thou man of God there is death in the pot. Any of these gourds will poison the soul. These wild vines can only be neutralized by the meal of the word of God. Be patient while I throw about two handful of gospel meal into the gospel pot. Acts 2:38, "Repent, 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." The other handful of gospel meal is Galatians 3:27, "As many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ." Listen to this warning from God's word again. O thou man of God there is death in the pot.

Another area where there is death in the pot is in the matter of abortion.

ABORTION

It is obvious that Adolph Hitler was one of the greatest murderers in history. Yet in America alone we have killed about four times as many as Hitler. Hitler only killed about six million in his Holocaust and we have slaughtered over twenty-five million at this point and time. Hitler was a piker compared to Americans.

Some like to debate the question about the start of life. Is it at the moment of conception, or at birth, or sometime in between? Most people claim that no one really knows when it begins. I saw this illustration somewhere about an abortionist and an anti-abortionist who went deer hunting together. They saw a bush move. They did not know whether there was a man behind the bush or a deer. The anti-abortionist, not knowing what it was, refused to shoot. The abortionist didn't know whether it was a man or a deer either and shot into the bush anyway.

CONCLUSION

Regarding these areas we have talked about, someone

might inquire, "Do you want to impose your views on everybody else?" In answer to that we say, "I am opposed to rape. I am opposed to murder. I am opposed to bank robbers. I am opposed to drugs." Yes, I would like to impose those views on everybody. O THOU MAN OF GOD THERE IS DEATH IN THE POT.

LETTERS FROM LISTENERS:



Dear Ed,

This is Barry; I really want to thank you for helping each man in prison with these Bibles. You are a real blessing, and I know one day you and your Church will be blessed. We received the Bibles last week except for one Spanish Bible. I have nine more men who need a Bible. I am also seeing their lives changed each day and they are reading their Bibles more and more every day. Everyone is even going to Church more now than before. Thank you and God bless you.

Wrightsville Correctional Unit, Wrightsville, Arkansas

Dear Evangelistic Bousman,

This is to express my profound happiness, gratitude and appreciation to you for giving us this wonderful programme on Radio Africa. The programme is spirit inspired and have given me a new hunger for God and His word. The broadcast has encouraged me and I will continue listening, especially now that I have committed my whole life to Christ. Meanwhile may I also ask you to mail me some Bibles, books and some materials to help some of us in this group to uplift our lives in Christ?

Thank you and God bless you,
Kingsley from Ghana, W. Africa

Dear Sir,

I was very glad to hear about the Bible message through radio. Your message has really touched me. I would like to know more about Jesus and His working in our lives. There was a statement of a free book and lessons. If you can send me it would be very much helpful for me to know more about Jesus. I am also interested in joining the correspondence clan, which you are conducting. It would be of great help to me if you can enroll my name. I am a student here in Andhra Pradesh, India. There is less opportunity for me to know about Jesus and the way He works in our lives. In fact I was so much taken up by your message which I happened to listen through (Sri Lanka Broadcast) radio. Is it possible for me to listen to your message daily? I kindly request you to send me some materials to come closer to Jesus Christ and to understand Him better. I am waiting for your reply. In fact there are my companions who have no opportunity to know about Jesus. I am eagerly waiting for your reply.

Yours sincerely, Pradeep from India

Dear Evangelistic Bousman,

Precious greetings to you and your entire family in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God in His infinite

mercy take you and your ministry to the height of unlimited greatness. I am very happy using this medium to bridge the widening gap between you and we Africans. I am a faithful listener to your sermon on Radio Africa. Your broadcast "God Is Just A Prayer Away" has been a source of spiritual food to us and others who depend on such for growth. We rejoice that we find additional instructions through your ministry. May God bless you the more in Jesus' Name. If you have Bibles, books materials that can help me the more in my spiritual growth, I will love it.

Greetings to everyone in your ministry with love.
Aldeon from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Evangelistic Bousman,

The main goal of this letter is to send my heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness for the Holy Bible, Fact Concerning the New Testament Church, "God Is Just A Prayer Away" paper and Studies in the Bible lessons. Besides what I have benefited from its abundant teaching and admonishing for the righteous living one has to keep in the Lord. So all your articles have a very significant impact on my righteous living to the Lord and my desire for His word. So I urge you to keep on sending, which I am eager to read. I pray for you and ministry that God may abundantly bless.

Awet from East Africa

Dear Sirs,

As it is my hobby to listen for foreign radio stations around the world, I am happy about being able to receive the signals of Radio Africa on shortwave over here in Norway. Although I am living far outside your target area reception of Radio Africa is often very good even here in Europe. Reception has been good ever since your shortwave transmitter in Equatorial Guinea was started up again some months ago and it is possible to listen in to your broadcasts. Although the quality of reception can vary a bit from day to day depending on the atmospheric conditions, your signal is usually good. To give you an idea of how your signal is received in Norway, I took a note of your broadcast some weeks ago and among the programmes I could tune into at that time was a programme with Ed Bousman who could be reached at PO Box 511, Lynchburg, OH 45142, which was "God Is Just A Prayer Away." I hope you are interested in hearing about the reception of Radio Africa on short wave from people who are living outside your target area. I would be delighted if you would take the trouble to write back to me because I keep letters for a souvenir.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Arild from Norway (**We sent a Bible, first 5 lessons of Studies in the Bible, GIJAPA paper, and Facts Concerning the New Testament Church.**)

Dear Brother Ed,

Preach it brother, preach it! And preach it until Jesus takes you home. I'm a dear friend of Don Severs, Sr who is in Belpre, Ohio now and has been there for 28 years. Take care dear brother and simply "keep on keeping on."

Art from Columbus, Ohio

Dear Bousman,

On behalf of the Church and my family we say thank you for your inspirational programme on Radio Africa. We appreciate the work you are doing in making it possible for people like us all around the world to be fed spiritually. May the Almighty richly bless you all. Meanwhile I will be very grateful if your ministry can mail some Bibles and materials that will help us grow spiritually.

Yours faithfully in Christ.

Robert from Ghana, West Africa

Dear Evangelistic Bousman,

Greetings to you in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost. How is your programme going on and your Church in USA? Hope all is well. If so glory be unto our Lord. I really thank God for his goodness and mercy upon our lives. I am one of your programme listeners in Nigeria. The programme is soul enriching and I do not like to miss the radio programme which do comes up every Monday 7 PM I love the programme. I want you to be praying for me that God to heal me of sickness and pains. I believe as you pray God shall heal me. I also want you to send me a Bible and other Christian materials you offered free to build me up in faith in the Lord. Quick reply will be appreciated in the Lord. Extend my greetings to your Church and family. Thanks and may God richly bless you, amen.

I am your lovely radio friend,

Emmanuel from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Ed and Naomi Bousman,

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation to you for your kind gesture. A couple of weeks ago I received a mailbag containing 11 large print Bibles and your Bible course, in fact I cannot express the gladness I had when the large print Bibles arrived. May the Lord richly bless both of you and give both of you perfect peace and everlasting joy. During the distribution, something unusual happened,

because the Bibles were not enough, a fight ensued between the blinds as each of struggling to reach for the Bible. After the distribution I counted the people who did not get some of the Bibles and I discovered that 36 was the total number of the blinds (hard to see) who did not get some of the Bibles. It has been 2 weeks since I distributed the Bibles and I have discovered a great positive change in the lives of the people who were lucky in getting a copy. The Bibles is helping them in many ways and change their entire lives. I really thank you for the great gifts. Will you please send me again 36 large print Bibles so that I can give them to the rest of ones hard to see who are hungry and thirst for the words of God.

God's Servant Thomas from Ghana, West Africa

(Three weeks later received an email from Thomas: Thank you so much for sending me the 36 large print Bibles for the hard to see people.)

Dear Ed,

Christ's greetings to you and every one of you at GIJAPA ministries. We are always heard your program over the Radio Africa and we are greatly touched by your powerful message. We are groups of "Idols Worshipers" who are converts to Christ through your radio ministry from Okitipupa Township Ondo Sunshine State Nigeria. We gave our entire life to Christ because we know that Jesus is the way to heaven. In facts, "Idols - Priest" in Okitipupa Township were planned to killed us for we accepted Christ. We are not allowed to participate freely in the Churches. Please send Please we want you to send us 71 Bibles and the Bible correspondence course. Our names are listed below. Please for Christ sake, Bro Ed, we want you to come to our aid with the 71 Bibles and Bible correspondence to help us to know more about Jesus Christ at Okitipupa Township. We therefore implore you to pray for us so that those "Priest" will not killed us or injure us for we accept Christ.

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