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The Rod of Moses

Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law and led the flock to the backside of the desert; and that is where it happened. He saw a bush; a bush that burned with fire, and was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt." And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, "MOSES, MOSES." Moses said, "Here am I."

God further said, "I have seen the affliction of My people in Egypt, and am come down to deliver them." God still sees the affliction and cruel bondage of people today brought on by the works of Pharaoh Devil, and He is still looking for those whom He can send to deliver the message that will set them free from the bondage of sin.

Consider also that Moses was a shepherd. God has a strange way of doing things from the viewpoint of the world, and to send a shepherd into Egypt to deliver His people appears to be a tactical blunder: anything, but a shepherd, for it is written in Genesis 46, EVERY SHEPHERD IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE EGYPTIANS.

But then again we are reminded that Jesus Himself was a Shepherd. He said, "I Am the good Shepherd, the Good Shepherd layeth down His life for the sheep." And who can ever forget, "The Lord is my shepherd..."

This situation is typical with the history of the human race. God's way of doing things is often obnoxious to the human race, not just to the Egyptians. The plan of salvation is an abomination to many preachers. It is an abomination to mention very often what God requires us to do to be saved. It is not an abomination to hear preachers say week after week, "Bow your head and ask Jesus to come into your heart." But it is an abomination to say, "Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins..." It looks like God would pick some plan where everybody in what they call main line Christianity would agree. Actually the word of God is main line Christianity.

It says that the bush was not consumed. How could that be? The answer is very simple. Verse four of the third chapter says that God spoke to Moses out of the bush. God was in the bush. That is why the bush would not be consumed. Anything God is in just isn't going to burn out. This bush is symbolic of the Israelites themselves; they were in the furnace of Egypt and were not consumed. Deuteronomy 4:20 tells us when Moses was giving his farewell speech to Israel that he referred to their stay in Egypt as an iron furnace. Moses says the Lord hath taken you and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt.

The reason the Israelites were not consumed during the persecution in Egypt was because God was in them as a nation. Anything that God is in will not be consumed.

Think of the Bible. Think of the times it has been burned. It has not yet been consumed. It never will be consumed, because God is in it. The Lord Jesus is in it. It is inspired by the Holy Spirit, No way, no way, no way; the Bible is here forever whether you like it or not. God is in it. Apply that thought to the Church of Christ. Why has it not been destroyed? God is in it. It is here for good. The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. It will never be consumed: God is in it.

Moses is not sure that he is the one God will use and so he asked, "Who am I? And who shall I say sent me?" God told him; just tell them: "I AM THAT I AM HAS SENT YOU." God is the Great I AM! We cannot help but notice some of the times Jesus referred to Himself as the: I AM. I AM the Bread of life--I AM the Light of the World--I AM the Door--I AM the Good Shepherd--I AM the Resurrection and the Life--I AM the Way, and The Truth, and the Life--I AM the True Vine--I AM the First and the Last, and the Living One; and I was dead, and behold, I AM alive forever more, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. And now in regards to Moses, and his doubts, God

then gave him three signs to serve as credentials for his message to the elders of Israel.

THE ROD

The first sign was the Rod. "What is that in thine hand?" Moses said, "A rod." The Lord told him to cast it down and it became a serpent. Moses fled before it. Now concerning this snake, it must have been some snake. Moses fled before it. Think of a fifteen-foot diamond back rattlesnake with rattlers that sounded like a set of bongo drums. Moses fled before it. God said, "Put forth thy hand and take it by the tail," and he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand.

This would supply Moses with credentials enough to send him into the land of Egypt. But there may be more significance to this sign than appears. The twenty-third Psalm tells us thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. The rod of Moses was an instrument that helped him walk over rough ground and served as a protective device against wild animals that might attack either him, or his flock. When he threw down his rod all his protection was gone, and the serpent appeared.

Throw down the Word of God; neglect to read it, and the serpent will be on you as soon as the rod hits the ground. You are defenseless. Jesus is also referred to as God's Rod in Isaiah 11:1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. When you neglect the Lord, or His Word you have had it. What is that in thy hand?

THE HAND

Now if the sign of the Rod was not enough proof for Israel; give them the sign of the hand. God tells Moses to put his hand into his bosom; when he takes it out it is leprous as snow. Leprosy is often times compared to sin. For one thing it was incurable. The only way to heal it was by a miracle. It takes the miracle of the cross to cleanse us from sin. It took a miracle to put the world in place--It took a miracle to hang the moon in space--But when He saves my soul--Cleansed and made me whole--It took a miracle of love and grace.

Then, too, it has a very insignificant start--it may be a small yellow spot between the fingers, and in several years time spreads into something called lung cancer. The unsaved sinner never seems to realize that they are on a collision course with hell. Leprosy is also contagious. That is why Paul says, "Evil companions corrupt good morals."

Also leprosy was a living death, so is sin, Paul says in Ephesians 2:1, "And you did He make live when you were dead in trespasses and sins." In other words, the un-forgiven sinner is a walking, breathing, corpse. Every person you see who has not accepted Christ, and the biblical terms of pardon is a walking corpse.

Then again there may be a further significance to this miracle. Where did Moses put his hand? Into his bosom--near the heart, now what does the Lord say about the human heart? Jeremiah said in his prophecy, chapter 17:9, "The heart of man is desperately wicked, and deceitful above all things: who can know it?" Jesus said, "Out of the heart comes forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, false witness, railings; these are the things that defile the man.

If you could put your hand into your shirt and touch your real spiritual heart, it would come out with the filthiest, obnoxious appearance you could possibly imagine. It would be full of cancers, leprosy, gangrene, boils and every conceivable vile stench and appearance.

Our hands are what others see. The hand may look clean. The hand represents the outward appearance, and that is important, but the heart on the inside that others do not see may be filthy.

Now there was yet a third sign that the Lord would reveal unto Moses to show the elders of Israel. The sign of the blood.

THE BLOOD

God said to Moses, "If they will not believe the first and second signs, show them the sign of the blood." God told Moses to take water out of the river, and pour it upon the dry land, and the water which thou takest out of the river, shall become blood on they dry land.

The meaning of that sign would not be lost on the elders of Israel. The river Nile had already been turned into blood by the killings of their sons, and now this act would be God's message coming through loud and clear that He would judge the Egyptians by controlling their god--The River Nile.

Later the first sign for Pharaoh would be the turning of the water into blood. Is there not a hidden message here for us? Show them the blood. Show them the cross. Show them what Jesus did to atone for our sins. One must wonder at what the judgment will be on America where rivers of blood have been shed in abortion. When you think of what we are doing as a nation in the efforts to remove the name of Jesus, and God from every historical document, and from the school system, it seems ridiculous, that talk show hosts should interview preachers, and ask where was God when this earthquake, hurricane, or terrorist act happened? God is exactly in the same place He was when Jesus was hanging on the cross, dying for our sins, and cried, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" That is where God was then, and He is still there now.

CONCLUSION

Now in conclusion, Moses was still not convinced. He said, "I am a man of slow speech. I am not eloquent." So to solve Moses problem, the Lord told Moses your brother Aaron is coming to meet you and he can speak well. Thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and shall teach you what ye shall do.

Ladies and Gentlemen, would it not be wonderful if the Lord would allow the Apostle Peter to stand behind most of the preachers today, and feed them the message of salvation he preached on the day of Pentecost when the church began. Can you imagine the uproar that would arise after Peter fed into the ears of preachers today how the Lord died for them, and then arose from the dead, and then told those who believed: 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. The results would be different today. And as many of them as heard the word bolted for the door, and never came back.

HOW LONG WILL IT BE?

Back in 1939 I went to the hospital to see our preacher who was in the hospital as a patient. Now the reason our preacher was in the hospital was because his throat had been cut, almost from ear to ear. Before I continue with this story, I must tell you first how he got his throat cut. He did not get his throat cut by the elders, nor was it the deacons who individually or collectively did him in. Actually they were well qualified officers of that church. I just wanted to establish the innocence of these brethren of that bygone day, all of whom have gone on to their reward. The reason his throat was cut was because of a doctor. You see, our preacher had an ingrown goiter, and hence the necessity of the operation. So, it was on this occasion that I went to see him.

Now it looked like at that time that our world was falling apart. World War II was ready to begin; in fact it did begin about a month later on September the first 1939. I remember the headlines on the newspaper that day: WAR BEGINS IN EUROPE!

Now on this visit to see my preacher, I asked him if he knew how long it would be before the Lord would come, because it looked like it would happen at any moment. I did not want the Lord to come back at that time, because I was getting ready to go to Bible College, and I did not want the Lord to return before I had a chance to do something.

The preacher said, "He did not know when the Lord would return, and that if anyone said they knew when He would return they would be making a fool of himself." This was not good enough for me, and I insisted on an answer that would be a little more definitive. I said, "Well how long do you think it will be? I don't want you to make a fool of yourself, but could you make a guess?"

He gave that question some thought and then ventured to say, "Well I think the way things are going, and he gave himself plenty of leeway, we may have fifteen years yet." I took that as the gospel truth and rejoiced that I had fifteen years to preach the word. Surely in fifteen years I ought to be able to do something for the Lord in the matter of the salvation of the souls of men.

Now that was 1939, and at this writing this is November 2006. Now I realize that most of you who went to school since about 1970 never learned to add, subtract, divide, or multiply, but if you will just take your pocket calculator and punch in 4 x 15 the read out will reveal that fifteen years has passed by four times, and just about half of the fifth fifteen year increment. My preacher was right. He said the Lord would come in 15 years. The only thing is, he did not say which fifteen years.

As we approach the year 2007, world conditions look as bleak as 1939, and many are asking me when will the Lord return. Well I have to say: A man makes a fool of himself if he thinks he knows when the trumpet will sound, and the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, and the voice of the archangel.

However if you really want to know: considering world conditions, just how long I really think we have left? I have to say, I truly believe the Lord will come within fifteen years, the only thing is, I am not saying which fifteen years it will be. It may be this fifteen years, or the next one

after that, or the next one after that, or the next one after that, and after that you don't need to know because none of you will be here. However a more important question remains: If you are not here, WHERE WILL YOU BE? E.B.

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Letters

Dear Brother Bousman,

Greetings in our LORD'S precious name. I acknowledge receipt of your CD'S and CASSETTES sent for me and the ministry in Liberia. I love to listen to the CDs when I am on bed at 10:00 pm. and 5:00 am. Local time. My wife and I are leaning a whole lot from these teachings and preaching. I have given some of these cassettes to the preachers assigned in the hinterlands of Liberia. Indeed you are a big blessing to us by feeding us with spiritual food (the word of God). I still count on your prayers for the communion cups.

In Christ, Mike Foday from Triumph Church
of Christ in Monrovia, Liberia

(Thanks to Person to Person Ministries for passing on these communion trays they no longer use. We shipped them 10/4/06.)

Dear Ed!

It is so nice to hear from you. Of course, I still listen to your broadcast and enjoy it very much. I get your e-mail weekly sermons and I listen to your Bible Vice Broadcasting program also. Please continue it is very valuable! Otherwise everything is fine. We are all getting older (62). Maybe we are getting too conservative. When I look at the world situation, I think, how shall this continue! On the other hand, I was born 1944 and there was not a single war with German involvement since 1945. So I can be happy to spent most of my time in a peaceful surrounding. I feel, that the older generation knows what a big war means for the people involved. I am not so sure, that the generation in power today has the same feeling. Lets pray for peace in the world!

I wish you and Naomi all the best for the future and hope that you are able to continue for a long time with "God Is Just A Prayer Away".

Yours, Horst from Hamburg, Germany

Dear Brother Ed & Naomi:

I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. First let me greet Brother Ed on his Birthday. It is my sincere prayer that the Lord blesses His servant abundantly that he will continue his thundering messages over a world of confusion and chaos. May God bless you with long healthy life.

This morning (Sunday/October 1, 2006) I listened to "God Is Just A Prayer Away" broadcast aired by Radio Sri Lanka in 19 Meter Band. The reception had a shade disturbance but was audible throughout. It might have been due to the weather factor. The message broadcasted was "JESUS IS LORD OF ALL". What a powerful message that was! You call spade a spade. When some preachers prevar-

icate things call white is black; black is white. Dumb sheep follow such dumb shepherds. I thank God for your ministry. A clarion call of God amidst confused voices. Please let me have some more time for the picture ours. I am not getting things to my satisfaction. I will not forget, it will be sent.

How are you Sister Naomi? You are a great strength and support to this great man of God--my dear Ed. It will be a joy to hear from you. I look forward to receiving the latest Hillsboro Taped Messages. More after hearing from you. With warmest regards, Your small servant,

Professor Edward from Union Christian College
in Meghalaya, INDIA

Dar brother ED BOUSMAN and sister NAOMI,

WE received the letter of announcement that was written on Aug. 9 on 8th Sep 2006; which tells us about the radio broadcast to our area--Beacon of Hope-E. Africa.

I'm so thankful to what you have done and are doing for us Eritreans. We are now able to hear the radio broadcasting programmes freely without hindrance that the opponents had been trying to make.

GOD is so faithful to provide us with our needs and we are now about to enjoy the true message of the WORD OF GOD. Please also keep sending the GIJAPA newsletter. Thank you for everything May God continue to supply you with all your needs.

GOD bless you.

Yours Nahom from Asmara, Eritrea

Dear Ed,

I'm sending this donation because you are not afraid to preach gospel sermons which include repentance, confession, and baptism. You tell what people must do to be a child of God. Of course, you are a master at quoting lovely

poems too so keep up what you are doing.

Ms. Jaunita a WIBC radio listener from Rushville, IN

Grace and peace from our Father God, Lord Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit for you. I believe by Son of God, Jesus Christ and I live in Asmara, Eritrea but now we have no meeting with other Christians as wanted because of government conditions. So we know our soul needs the word of God. Now I want to start with your Bible Study Course--Studies in the Bible. I hope you will send to me a Bible also.

God bless Kidan

Dear Ed,

I am 91 and look forward to your warm messages every Sunday AM on WLW.

Bernice from Carmel, IN

Dear Brother Ed Bousman,

First of all I glorify our heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ. And then peace be unto you and your family. Ed, I am your student since 2001 I hope you remembered me. I received and learnt from lessons 1-10 (Studies in the Bible) after that on September 09, 2002 through November 11, 2005 for 3 years and 2 months I was in prison because I am a follower of Christ. My government doesn't accept us. Still most of Churches are closed and the servant of Lord and also other believers are in prison. So I want you to pray for those who still are persecuted Christians. Brother Ed, now I sent to you from lessons 11-15. May you kindly send me the rest of the lessons 16-30 of Bible Correspondence? May Lord will bless you and provide for your ministry needs. Amen

Your brother in Christ,

Dawit from Asmara, Eritrea

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