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Issue 1

The Tried Stone - Isaiah 28:16

“Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.”

The scripture is filled with the trials of Jesus and His Church. Jesus Himself was tried by the devil, among other places, in the wilderness of temptation. He was led out into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. The devil tried the stone and Jesus did not break. The devil departed from Him for a season and returned many times, and always the same, The stone did not break.

Not only was the Lord tried by the devil, He was also tried by man. They said to Him in the closing days of His ministry, “By what authority doest thou these things, and who gave thee this authority? Many and varied were the trials. Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar? Whose wife shall she be? What is the greatest commandment in the law? Show us a sign from heaven. How then doth He now say I am come down out of heaven? How can he give us His flesh to eat? Art thou the King of the Jews? What is truth? How can a man be born again when he is old?” On and on the questions came throughout His ministry. Jesus was thoroughly tried by men, and the stone did not break.

Not only was He tried by the devil and man; the Heavenly Father tried him. On the cross Jesus said, “My God: My God! Why hast thou forsaken Me?” The tried stone did not break.

Not only was the stone a tried stone; but it was also a precious stone. Isaiah said it was a precious cornerstone and Peter called it a stone elect and precious.

Under normal circumstances we take water for granted. It is as near to us as the turn of the tap. But to a person on the desert with no prospects of getting more, his canteen full of water is more precious than gold. He will not wish to waste a drop. Jesus, who gives the water of life, must be recognized as the most precious thing in our lives. Peter told the council at Jerusalem, when they were being tried for healing the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the

Temple, “There is therefore now no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.” Jesus is our only hope.

The stone was also a sure foundation. Paul told Timothy, “Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth sure.” The Lord knoweth them that are His, let everyone that nameth the name of the Lord Jesus depart from iniquity.

Remember Peter said, “Ye also are living stones, built up a spiritual house.” And again Paul tells us in Ephesians that we are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and the household of God, built upon the foundation of Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, Himself being the chief cornerstone. All Christians are a part of the rock, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Jesus gives the best plan for a life when He tells us in the Sermon on the Mount; “Everyone that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them shall be likened unto a wise man who built his house upon the rock. And the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell not, for it was founded upon the rock. And everyone that heareth these words of mine and doeth them not unto a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. And the winds came and the winds blew and beat upon that house and it fell and great was the fall thereof.”

The stone is sure, and we are sure. We are just as sure as the Lord is sure. We stand or fall in Christ. Our salvation is just as sure and solid as the Rock of Ages. The stone is tried, precious, and sure.

Jesus told the chief priest after the Triumphal Entry that the stone that the builders rejected, the same was made the head of the corner. Whoever falls on this stone shall be broken in pieces, and on whomever it falls it will scatter him as dust.

Those who are a part of the stone elect and precious are indestructible and those who are not shall be ground as

powder and scattered as dust. To those who are not a part of the stone Peter has a word of warning in the eighth verse of First Peter, chapter one. He refers to the stone of stumbling and the rock of offence. He further states they stumble at the word. Many have stumbled over the stone made without hands.

To many, that stone is a rock of offence. I know of no place where people stumble at the word and trip over the rock of offence as much as at the point of how to be saved. Peter said on the day of Pentecost to those who inquired, "What shall we do?" "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." Luke tells us in Acts the eighth chapter of an example of how a baptism was performed. They went down into the water...they came up out of the water...In spite of the clarity of God's word, many there are who stumble at the word and trip up on the rock of offence. The stone is tried, precious, and sure. Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."



THE CROWN OF THORNS

Communion Meditation

The soldiers platted a crown of thorns and put it upon His head, and arrayed Him in a purple garment, and knelt down before Him, and in mockery said, "Hail King of the Jews."

It was appropriate that they should think of the crown of thorns, because in the Garden of Eden thorns were a part of the curse. God told Adam; because thou hast done this thing, and hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee, saying, "Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat of the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it thou wast taken: for dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return."

In Galatians four, Paul says that Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having been made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.

Actually the multitudes offered Jesus a crown when He fed the 5,000, but He refused that crown, and now at the crucifixion, they gave Him a crown of thorns.

In the book of Revelation nineteen, John tells when Jesus will return as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, He will be wearing many crowns. In Second Samuel, David captured the city of Rabbah and took the crown of the king, and put it on his head. The crown weighed a talent; a talent weight is about 75 pounds. The king of the Ammonites did not have to have an oversized head to wear such a crown, but he did have an oversized ego.

When Jesus comes again the many crowns He will wear; whatever the combined weight of those crowns may be, will rest easy on the head of omnipotence.

Remember that one of His crowns will be the crown of the King of the Church. The Church is the Kingdom of God,

and we need to remember that the Church is not a democracy, it is a Theocracy, and whenever the King makes a law we have no vote on the matter. He will be wearing many crowns, but He will not be wearing the crown of thorns.

Because He willingly wore the crown of thorns, the saints will be able through His grace to wear the crown of righteousness that Paul tells about in Second Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord shall give to me, and not only to me, but to all them that have loved His appearing. Eat the loaf and drink of the cup, and remember that Jesus wore a crown of thorns that we might wear a crown of righteousness.

Remember also that the Apostle Peter told the elders of the church, if they were faithful in the work of the eldership, when the Chief Shepherd appears they would be given a crown of glory that would never fade away.

But it is with sober consideration that we remember the warning Jesus gave two Churches in Revelation. He told one Church, "I come quickly, hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown." And to the other He said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give them the crown of life."

In Revelation four we read of four and twenty elders standing before the throne, arrayed in white garments, and wearing crowns of gold. When they worshiped the Lord they cast their crowns before the throne.

As Christians we do not need to wait until we get to heaven to cast our crowns before the throne. Eat the loaf and drink the cup, and look at the One who wore the crown of thorns, and take the crown of your life here on earth, whether it is your intellect, you money, your greatest talent, and ability, and cast it at the foot of the cross.

The gospel song says it for us: Crown Him with many crowns-The Lamb upon His throne-Hark how the heavenly anthems drowns-All music, but its own-Awake my soul and sing-of Him who died for thee-And hail Him as thy matchless King-Through all eternity.



Pierced by Nails

Communion Meditation

Somewhere I remember reading these lines. The hands of Jesus seem so frail--For they were broken by a nail--But they will get to heaven at last--Who to those broken hands hold fast.

The piercing of His hands and feet was prophesied by David a thousand years before it happened in the twenty second Psalm, when he declared: "They pierced My hands and My feet."

At a crucifixion the nails pierced no vital organ, neither, the heart, brain, artery, or any other vital organ to hasten death. This meant a person could live for days in the agony of crucifixion. However they did not take the life of Jesus; He gave it willingly. In John ten He Himself had said: "No one taketh My life from Me, I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."

When the nails were driven through the hands of Jesus,

there is a further dimension to the piercing of the nails that we need to consider.

Paul tells us in Colossians 2:12-14 "Having been buried with him by baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, I say did he make alive together with him having forgiven us all our trespasses; having blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and He hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross."

When the hands of Jesus were nailed to the cross, my sins were nailed there also on the cross. This needs to be pondered and fervently considered during the communion service. The hands that were pierced by nails were pierced for me. Now listen to the words of the gospel hymn that tells us: There was One who was willing to die in my stead—That a soul so unworthy might live—And the path to the cross He was willing to tread—All the sins of my life to forgive—They are nailed to the cross, they are nailed to the cross—Oh how much He was willing to bear—With what anguish and loss, Jesus went to the cross—But He carried my sins with Him there. This is what Jesus had in mind when He said, "This do in remembrance of Me."

Letters



Dear Ed,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. We do apologies for not writing more often, the delay this time was due to the release of a big number of our inmates who completed 20 years sentence in October 2006, and they were originally sentenced for life. We praise God for all His mercies and hope which are built for those who are remaining behind and thank you for your constant prayers in this regard for without your intercession it would had been difficult, "The prayer of righteousness man availed much."

We are glad to inform you that few of the young inmates on immigration cases they are here for no sentence but due to expired visa and they have no ticket or finance to go home have been released. Thanks for helping to provide us with programs of study that enable these young men the privileges to have the touch of Christ's love during their short time here in Kantar Men's Prison. One of them Camara a convert from Guinea said that during his send off party that, "I believe God brought me to Kantar to save my life, I will never forget this experience, please keep me in your prayers that I may continue to live and grow in Christ." Now he is back to his country and we are confident that the Lord who began the good work in him will continue to the end. Camara is one of many brothers the Lord has used this fellowship to draw to Christ. We are presently working with seven other brothers from Ethiopia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Ghana and Nigeria. There are also three young men joined Kantar Prison recently from Bella Russia who have joined the fellowship and they do have a good understanding of English language. Please continue to send your materials to be used to teach Christ.

Love and peace Owolabi from Cairo, Egypt

Dear Bro. In Christ,

First of all I would like to thank my Lord Jesus Christ for that He gave me His life and for His grace that enables me to write down this letter to you. Dear Bousman, I would like to tell my gratitude to you for what you have done and what you are doing now to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in your worldwide ministry. I pray for you to God to enable you to continue more than what you are doing now. I thank God for the short wave broadcast that can be heard in our country by Beacon of Hope. May God be praised through this ministry? I read in your paper that you will continue to send Bibles and studies with no reference to religion on outside label, that's good. Also it is good if you not display the names and address of Eritreans, because it is easy for national security to catch Christians when you display their work and their names.

God bless Amanuel from Eritrea

Dear Sir,

Season greetings from the throne of grace unto you and your ministry members. I received the note and gifts sent unto me, I prayed that God will continue to enrich your ministry in Jesus name. I want to encourage you to continue in your Radio Africa Broadcast for it has increased me in knowledge and understanding of His Word. Please send literature to increase my heavenly wise. May your pot of oil never runs dry in Jesus name.

Deacon M.O. from Nigeria, W. Africa

RECEPTION REPORT: for November 26, 2006 8 GMT, Bible Voice Europe and Bible Voice Russia 12 hours later. Heard the sermon, "The Rod of Moses" it was loud and clear. Congratulations on 9 full calendar years of short wave! And a big thank you from all listeners.

Robert from Northumberland, Great Britain

Dear Sir,

The two of us are in our 8th and 9th decade and for the last 10-15 years we have listened faithfully to your Sunday morning sermons from WHAS in Louisville, KY. The broadcast comes on at 7:30 AM before we leave for Georgetown Christian Church. This way we get a good sermon before we go to our Church and hear a "contemporary" sermon. Not much depth! We long for hymns, which have so much meaning. We want to share with you for your work on the air. My 75-year-old brother in Louisville and a Methodist gets up early to hear your broadcast and states that you are the only one who follows scripture yet he has never been immersed! We pray for him and your work also.

In His Name

Two faithful listeners and supporters
from Georgetown, IN

I write to say a big thank you for all that you have done for me, the Bible, the lessons and the certificates. I have received all three for the three lessons—STUDIES IN THE BIBLE, CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE and DISCIPLING FOR JESUS. Thank you very much and may God bless you. I will like to know what is next for me after I have completed all three of these lessons? THANK YOU

Baffour from Ghana, W. Africa

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bousman,

First of all a big thank you for the English Bible you provided me some time ago and for the regular newsletter sent to me by e-mail. It is always great to learn how the Lord is blessing your work and what important messages are worth to be considered. Well, living in Western Germany just in the vicinity of Cologne I have been listening to your transmission esp. via the European outreach of Bible voice on SW 5945 kHz, Sunday at 0800 UTC, Well, it is listening to you but today I want to inform you that your North Africa—Beacon of Hope—outreach via Pan American Broadcasting is audible as well at a new time and on a new channel which is Sunday 1930 UTC on 5850 kHz. May God bless you all! I really hope that your programs continue to be a voice of hope and belief for your listeners.

Sincerely Thomas from Germany

May God bless you all!

I heard about your distant learning ministry from my friends and I want to join you. I am a college student in Eritrea. I appreciate your service and look forward to receiving my English Bible and the correspondence Bible studies. May God be with you to help you in all your ministry?

Meaza from Eritrea. I'm a female.

Dear Ed,

This is my special thank-you note to Ed for his clothings to me. In fact, he has given me a big relief from thinking of buying clothes and shoes. As I am speaking, I am wearing end's shoes, khaki pant and a 't' shirt from the boxes of clothes sent to us. Now I have clothes for the work and the weather here and I thank god so much for them. It was a big burden on me as to how to get clothes because my work demand more clothes due to the sweat and the heat here.

When I think of all these, nothing comes into my mind

than to say thank you to Ed for thinking about me to send me all these stuffs. May the almighty god bless you abundantly?

We received a thank you letter from a small congregation of the Lord's Church (Mangoase Church of Christ) thank us for the clothes we sent them upon their request to us for some clothes. According to them, the clothes have helped some very worried over women and children in their congregation who did not have clothes for church and even for school. We thank you so much and all those who donated the clothings. They have helped both me and my family and also many other brethren in the church here and also those without the church in the villages where we are working. May God bless you?

Ike & Lee

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007

*He came to my desk with a quivering lip,
"I'm done," he said, "Dear teacher, I want a new leaf,
I've spoiled the old one."
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted
And gave him a new one all unspotted.
And into his sad eyes I smiled, "Do better now, my child."*

*I came to the throne of grace, the year was done.
I said, "Dear Father, I want a new year, I've spoiled
The old one." He took the old year, stained and
Blotted and gave me a new one all unspotted, and
Into my tired eyes he smiled, "Do better now, my child."*

Author unknown to me

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