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DAVID AND THE WELL

In 2nd Samuel 23:14-17 King David had taken the city of Jebus, from now on called Jerusalem. The Philistines had control of Bethlehem, where David lived as a boy. David longed and said, "Oh that one would give me drink of water of the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate." Perhaps many of us long for a drink from the old well of days gone by.

There were three of his captains who heard him thinking out loud and broke through the Philistine lines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate and brought it to David. David was so overcome by their devotion that he symbolized the water as their life-blood, and poured it out on the ground as an offering to God.

This was no small sacrifice. It was an offering to God that could not be taken back. The offering of our lives in service to the King of Kings is the same; it should never be taken back. It was a great sacrifice also because it was an offering of great value. It is easy to give God something we don't need any way. People offer a sick body to the Lord. "Lord, get me through this operation and I will serve you better." But if all goes well, I don't need God.

Listen to the words of David again, "Oh that someone would give me a drink of water of the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate." He remembered the old days as a keeper of his father's sheep. He longed to go back even though he was now king, to the way it was when he was a boy.

That statement of David as he compared the water of the three brave men, and likened it to their blood as a sacrifice for him, is interesting to us, because David was certainly aware the Messiah would be born at Bethlehem. The paternal grandparents of David were Boaz and Ruth. On the day Boaz and Ruth were married beginning at Ruth 4:11 a suggestive prophesy was made regarding the future of that family, "And all the people were in the gate, and the elders said that we are witnesses. The Lord make the

woman that is come into thy house be like Rachel and Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily and be famous in Bethlehem; then Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David." In Psalms 22:16 David said, "They pierced My hands and My feet," as he gave a description of the crucifixion.

So, if David refrained from drinking the water as he thought of it as the blood of those men; how much more should we consider the blood of the Messiah of greatest value that was poured out for us at Calvary's cross? And we like David long for a drink from the cup, week by week; as we gather around the Lord's Table, and remember His words, "This do in remembrance of Me."

Although like David we cannot go back and drink from the old well of Bethlehem that is by the gate; it will always be enshrined in our memory, but it would be a nice place to visit for a few days, although I would not want to live there. Part of an old poem says it for us: "Backward, turn backward, time in thy flight. Make me a child again just for tonight." I would like to go back, and attend the Church services, and visit with the remnants of a congregation now crossed over the river, and hopefully hear the kind of preaching I heard in the old days when I drank from the old well at Bethlehem that is by the gate.

And I would like to go back to the old well that is by the gate in the spring when I graduated from Bible College, when all the young men who graduated left school to be pulpit preachers. What refreshment it would be to drink water from the old well at Bethlehem that is by the Gate. And so along with David, I wonder if someone will break through the Philistine lines of conformity; the lines of faith without repentance and obedience; the lines of everybody is right no matter what you believe; and bring me a drink from the old well at Pentecost, the day when the Church began. Let me hear again the way it was when penitent

believers were told to repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the reception of the Holy Spirit.

However we cannot go back. Paul advises us of a better way when he said in Philippians 3:13-14, "But one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things that are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

THE RANSOM

Matthew 20:28 and Mark 8:38

Jesus said, "Then came to Him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons worshipping Him and asking a certain thing of Him." And He said unto her, "What wouldest thou?" She saith unto Him, "Command that, these my two sons may sit, one on Thy right hand, and the other on Thy left hand, in Thy kingdom." But Jesus answered and said, "Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? And are ye able to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" They say unto Him, "We are able..." Then Jesus said, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:20-28.

We hear many times of people who have been shanghaied, and held for ransom. The ransom is the price to buy back the person who was stolen. The price of ransom is usually set at a high price. The human race was shanghaied in the Garden of Eden, and the rest of the story in the Bible is the account of the price that was paid for man's redemption.

Peter gives us the best description for the price that was paid for redemption when he said in 1st Peter 1:18-19, "Knowing that you were redeemed, not with corruptible things with silver and gold, from the vain manner of your lives handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a lamb without spot, even the blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, even the blood of Christ."

No one ever suffered as Jesus on the cross; all the pain and suffering of His body was small indeed compared to the agony of His soul. He tasted of death once for every man. Paul tells us in 2nd Corinthians 5:21, "Him who knew no sin was made to be sin that we might become the righteousness of God." Jesus on the cross felt as though He had committed every sin ever committed. Such a catalogue of sins as mentioned in 1st Corinthians 6:9-12: "Be not deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abuses of themselves with men, not thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."

Then Paul tells of the ransom paid for our souls when he told Timothy 2:6, "Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all." Our sins can be compared to the flood in the days of Noah. The waters that covered the earth according to Genesis 7:19, "Prevailed exceedingly upon the earth;

and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits did the waters prevail; more than twenty feet, and the mountains were covered." In like manner the flood of the blood of Jesus poured out on the cross can cover all sins, no matter how great, of every one who has ever lived. Because of the blood of Christ there will be former murderers, drug pushers, whore mongers, rapists, child abusers, who will walk the golden side walks of heaven.

The tragedy of it all can be read in the words of Jesus in John 5:40, "And ye will not come to Me that ye may have life." He Ransomed Me, is an old gospel song; that needs to be used today.

*"There's a sweet and blessed story Of the Christ who came from glory;
Just to rescue me from sin and misery. He in loving kindness sought me,
And from sin, and shame He brought me, hallelujah
Jesus ransomed me."*

And now for us today the question can be asked, "Are we able to drink the cup that Jesus was about to drink?" We certainly cannot drink of the cup of the sorrow that Jesus drank, and we cannot be baptized with the baptism of His suffering on the cross.

But as Christians we can drink of the cup that reminds us of the prophecy that He shall be called a man of sorrows. The cup Jesus referred to when He said that this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto the remission of sins..

And are you able as an un-forgiven sinner to be baptized in the baptism that reproduces in us His death, burial, and resurrection as Paul said in Romans 6:3-6: "All we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried with Him therefore through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we might also walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." The Master is still asking, "Are you able to be baptized with My baptism, and are you able to drink the cup?"

LETTERS

Dear Brother Ed,

From the depth of my heart, I want to say thank you, thank you again for your love and support. I have received the box of glasses today. What GIJAPA is doing for the Lord is bringing many people to the cross of Jesus Christ. There are other denomination leaders who still request English Bibles. I am asking you to increase the support to help them too. We have baptized one brother Herod Kawuyembi from the Seventh Day Baptist Church because of giving him a free Bible and the tracts. I want to do more for the Lord. Please pray for new partners and encourage your friends and your family to join us and continue supporting us with Bibles, tracts, clothes and now glasses. Thank you very much and God continue to bless you. In heartfelt unity and with warm greetings of love I remain Yours,

John Maseka, Evangelist from Zambia Central Africa

Good Morning,

Since I have been listening to GIJAPA on WOAI 1200 in San Antonio, TX, I have been encouraged with a song in my ear and a song in my heart. Look for my check this week to help support your broadcast. I'm sorry it's not much, I'm a stone mason. My question is could you send me the sheet music to the theme song? Every morning when I get up at 5:00 AM, I go to my computer and play the 6 minute version as I prepare for work. I haven't had much time to play my music instruments lately, but would very much like to play your theme song. I have guitars, keyboards, etc, so it would be helpful if the chord changes were denoted. I'm so glad I was led to your program, because when I roll down my truck window to give a homeless person a gold dollar, I tell them don't lose hope, "God Is Just A Prayer Away." May He come soon!

Bill

Hi Ed Bousman and Naomi,

May God bless you in the name of Jesus. I live in Eritrea here in our school there are so many believers, they have contact with you. I want to start the Bible study correspondence like they are doing. Would you please send me the first 5 lesson?

Your best regard. Selomon B. East Africa

Dear Ed Bousman,

This is Awet, from Israel. You'll recall we fled from Eritrea because we who worshiped the Lord were persecuted and imprisoned. We already received a lot of English Holy Bibles. Thank you so much with out end. You made our heart comfort and happy in the land of refugee. Well, we also need to supply your advice and some spiritual books for the new Church. Please, contact us soon and help us God bless you!

To whoever gets this letter:

My name is Joanna. I am currently serving time at McPherson Unit (AR Dept. of Corrections). We (Kim and I) are learning about Christ and what having a personal relationship with Him is like. We would love to receive anything that would help us learn more about living a Christian life for Jesus. If you could send us a Bible that would be great too. We are all sharing one Bible in this barracks. Thank you very much for your concern and caring.

May God bless your ministry. Arkansas

Dear Ed,

Congratulations on turning 90 years of age but more importantly a pat on the back and a big thank you for the broadcast on short-wave (Bible Voice Europe) that I believe can be picked up all around the world. Many Christians for either geographically reasons or physical even mental ailments are unable to attend a Christian Church but they can still tune in to GIJAPA and join the rest of us who tune in every week. I for one always know someone else out there has their receiver on and hear a top quality sermon.

RB from England.

Beloved Bousman and Naomi,

We are grateful for all that you have been doing to assist us on this hard soil. We have just received the box of clothing and the reading glasses you sent to us. We thank you so much. We thank you for your serious attention to us on this hard soil. The Church keeps growing in number and we thank you so much. Presently we have so many converts and prospects owing to our radio ministry here. We are completely shot of Bibles now; please we need more Bibles for our prospects and converts. We have many refugees from various Africa countries in our midst now and we shall be glad if you can send us some used clothing and shoes too. We are very grateful to your greet assistance to us and we plead that you keep on assisting us here in Gambia.

Thanks in Jesus' name. Alexander Ofori, W. Africa

Dear Ed,

Hello, how are you? Here are my first 5 lessons. Although the real reason I wanted to write you is to say thank you soooooo much for sending me a Bible and getting me started on your Bible studies. I am having a great time reading the Bible. I also want to say thank you for the flyer letting me know what station and time you are on the radio, along with the other things that's on the flyer. God bless.

Curtis W. a prisoner at Grady, AR

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Thank you so much for "God Is Just A Prayer Away," which I listen to on Bible Voice Broadcast coming on from 8-8:30 AM on Sundays shortwave. It's wonderful to be able to hear old fashioned style preaching and Bible teaching with authority and using the King James translation of the Bible. We don't often get preaching and Bible teaching like this in the churches here the teaching worldly seems to be about Christian behavior. It's so good to learn about God Himself and it encourages me very much. Please do continue the broadcast and I pray that other people may come to love God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Alison R. from England

Dear Brother Bousman,

I pray you had a great day celebrating your 90th birthday. My son (who turned 19 this year) has the same birthday as you. I have appreciated your ministry throughout my years as an evangelist. I first heard you in 1988 at the Hillsboro Family Camp and have followed you ever since. I was preaching at the old Lawshe Church of Christ at the time (now Countryside Church of Christ). Thank you for all your years of service for the kingdom. You have a great talent for the Lord and have used it to promote New Testament Christianity without wavering! The kingdom needs many more "Ed Bousmans" to stand solidly on the "one Lord, one faith, one immersion" unashamed!

Thanks for being a great mentor to me through the years, even if you didn't realize you were doing so!

Kevin L. Ziegler, Evangelist South Side Church of Christ; Danville, IL

Dear Ed & Naomi Bousman,

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I'm sending the finished lessons no. 21-30 of Studies in the Bible. Thanking you immensely for providing such valuable revelations from the Book of Revelations. This was the 1st time in my life I read it at a stretch and understood something from there.

Yours in Christ, Ruby A. from India

Dear Mr. Bousman,

I am recently incarcerated in Brickeys, AR for parole violations because of drugs (meth). I have never been in trouble for anything my whole life until a few years ago when I was introduced to meth. I am 43 years old Caucasian with nothing left and nowhere to go. I have never asked anyone for help in the past. Having myself convinced I could handle it that I had no addiction. I am in desperate need of help and reaching out! One of my fellow inmates gave me your name and address said you would send me a Bible. I really would enjoy having one and sure could use it. I am so ready to start a new clean drug free life. Can you please help me?

Very sincere, James

Dear Mr. Bousman,

I am an inmate at East Arkansas Regional Unit otherwise called Brickeys. Now to tell you a little about myself. I am a Christian but I fallen short in the glory of God. I've let the world or worldly things influence my life more than my Holy Saviour. I've been an addict of meth and pot for the past 15 years. I've been to prison twice. During my addiction both on drug charges. I believe it's because I don't "stay the chorus." I let people influence me too much. I have to make myself break away from my old friends and try to make new ones. Why I tell you this I don't know. Please pray for me, thanks for listening, and do send me a Large Print Bible and Bible Studies.

Sincerely, Billy A.

IT ADDS UP THE SAME WAY

As a child, once in a great while my dad would get generous and give me a dollar. It was a rare occasion and I always tried to make the dollar look as big as I could. My usual procedure was to go to a store and ask for change for a dollar and give it to me in dimes. I carried the ten dimes around for a while and went back to another store and asked for change for the ten dimes in nickels. After carrying around the twenty nickels for a while, I would go to still another store and get change for the nickels by getting four quarters. When tired of the quarters, I went back again and got two fifty-cent pieces. Then after this, my last move was to go get it changed back into a dollar bill again.

After proving to myself that it didn't make any difference how you cut it, the value was the same. I finally spent the dollar and was flat broke again. I suppose this should prove to you that I was a very peculiar child. All of this leads me to say that it doesn't make any difference how you send your contributions to the "God Is Just A Prayer Away" program. You can send it by check or you can send it in cash, or you can send it by money order. I would hope that you don't send me a hundred dollars in nickels but if that is the way you want to do it and if that is what turns you on go ahead, I'll be most grateful to receive it. Whether it is nickels, dimes, quarters or fifty-cent pieces, bills or checks, it all adds up the same. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR WHATEVER DENOMINATION YOU SEND. I realize that a denomination is a bad choice of words, but in this case, I don't think the Lord will mind.
EB

Happy Thanksgiving!



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