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Happy Birthday, Ed!

Ninety-two years old and still going! Ed has been preaching for 68 years and broadcasting for 48 years. He continues to record his sermons in the studio in our house and writes his sermons on his computer. He has had a rough year health wise, but has overcome it all and PTL continues to do GIJAPA work daily.





TWO COMMUNION MEDITATIONS JACOB AND ESAU

Jacob sod pottage and Esau came from the field and he was faint: And Esau said to Jacob, "Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore is his name called Edom." And Jacob said, "Sell me this day thy birthright." And Esau said, "Behold I am at the point to die; and what profit shall this birthright do to me?" And Jacob said, "Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him:" and he sold his birthright. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright. Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of bean soup.

Normally the scripture would tell us of Abraham, Isaac, and Esau. But Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of bean soup and now it will forever be Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Normally we would read of the children of Edom. But Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of bean soup and now we read of the children of Israel. Normally we should be reading the names of the twelve tribes of Esau on the pearly gates of heaven. But Esau sold his birthright for a bowl of bean soup and now it will be the twelve tribes of Israel eternally on the pearly gates of heaven.

Esau traded all that glory and sold his birthright for a bowl of bean soup. Paul says he found no room for repentance in his father though he sought it diligently with tears. What a price to pay all for a bowl of bean soup.

We who have been born again of water and the Spirit have a birthright. We have a right to call ourselves Christians, we have a right to repent and pray for forgiveness when we sin knowing that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all ingenuity, we have a right to heaven, we have a right to come to the Lord's Table on the Lord's Day. One preacher told me of a member of the church who told him: don't expect to see me in services from September until December; I will be at the stadium watching the NFL football game. This is just one example of a great percentage of the members of the church who every Sunday week in and week out through out the year and sell out the glory of God for a bowl of bean soup.

THE LORD IS THE WAITER

When Jesus fed the five thousand with five loaves, and two fishes, Matthew, Mark, and Luke say that Jesus brake the loaves, and the fishes, and gave to them, and likewise the fishes. Jesus was the waiter.

When the Lord fed the four thousand, with seven loaves, and a few fishes, Matthew, and Mark say, Jesus again was the server when he brake, and gave to them. For the second time, Jesus is the waiter.

When the Lord Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper Matthew, Mark, and Luke say the Lord brake the loaves and gave to them, and like wise also the cup. Again Jesus was the waiter.

In John twenty-one, after the resurrection, seven of the apostles had fished all night, and took nothing. On the advice of Jesus standing on the shore they cast, the nets again, and caught a boatload of fishes, a hundred, and fifty and three. When they came ashore, and saw a fire of coal burning, and fish laid thereon and bread. Jesus said, "Bring of the fish, which ye have now taken" and after this the Lord said, "Come now and brake your fast". This would be the Lord's Breakfast, as Jesus came and broke the fish, and bread and gave to them. Once again it was the Lord who was the waiter.

According to Luke in chapter twelve, Jesus again will be the waiter at his second coming. Even if he finds them with their lamps burning in the second watch, he shall gird himself, and make then sit down to meat, and serve them. Once again, Jesus will be the waiter. Jesus brake the loaves at the feeding of the five thousand, the four thousand; at the institution of the Lord's Supper, after the resurrection, and at his second coming. Every time Jesus is the waiter.

It appears that Jesus is the one who gives us our daily bread, temporal, spiritual, or celestial. Without the heavenly waiter who serves us, the human race would starve. And so it is especially appropriate, as we eat of the loaf, and drink of the cup at the Lord's Table, that our hearts are filled with gratitude, as we remember the words of a well know gospel chorus:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below,

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



Dear Sir,

I wish to request Bible course so as to enable me study the Bible. I used to study with you when I was in London but because I left London for Spain I lost the last question paper; so I will like to start all over from beginning Thanks! Yours Ernest O. from Spain

Ike & Lee Update

The Converts of Drug Victims: At Fianko we preached to one man who was carving at the time we got to his shop. He welcomed us when we asked if we could study the Bible with him. He asked us to allow him to finish a piece of cigarette he was smoking, which we did but staying a way from him to avoid secondhand-smoking. After an hour Bible study with him on the church, he told us how bad life has been due to his alcoholic, marijuana and cigarette smoking habit. According to him he makes a lot of money but misuse everything in a day just on the drugs above. This is a man whose father was a priest in the Methodist Church. After listening to us, he became so sorry about his life that he ordered us to talk to his sister whose daughter (a student) worships with the Fianko Church. He was baptized and has since become a brother in Christ and a friend. He now worships with the Fianko church and when in Swedru he worships with the Central Church of Christ at the market square.

Due to the urgent call on us by several parents to help save their children who have taken to drugs of all sorts, we are working to get some materials from the Drug Free World, which would be given out with the tracts we share to people to help save the youth and those who are on drugs. So far we have been able to get some few. Soon they will go with us from house-to-house to preach the Gospel and to give testimonies to people about their lives before meeting Christ through this ministry.

A married couple with no child, which according to them and the people around has led to their been alcoholics. We went on foot into this village and they were the first people to talk to because they are just at the entrance into the village. Alcohol is their drinking water and all they do with their money is to buy alcohol. According to them and the people in the village, they have married for over 45 years and had 6 children but all of them died before they began to walk. This situation has led to the drinking habit but beloved, God is Merciful! He touched the hearts of this couple as we teach them about God's Plan of Salvation for them and they quickly promised that they will stop taking the alcohol. PTL! At the end of it all they were baptized with two others and are currently worshipping with the church at Bontrase. We have visited all these and make frequent contacts with them just to make sure that they do not go back into drugs. We keep praying with them through a brother's phone (in the case of the couple) and glad to say that they have since not taken any alcohol since July 2010. Churches Planted: Ashanti and Volta Regions: Our work took me so far away to the Ashanti and the Volta Regions of Ghana to precisely Kpeve and Have in the Volta Region and Sokete in the Ashanti Region of Ghana where we talked to people and strengthen churches and helped in planting a church in Sokete of the Ashanti region. This trip was impromptu but God took me there and back home safely. In all 21 baptisms were recorded; 7 in the Volta Region and 14 in the Ashanti Region. Report reaching us about the churches planted through this ministry is that things are going on well except for Adawukwao and Ofada where most of the brethren are leaving for jobs in the big cities but PTL regular visitors keep filling their vacant pews. We praise God for all these churches and plans are under way to see to the planting of a church at DANSO so that the brethren will stop travelling to Adeiso to worship there.

We are still enrolling, mailing and receiving lessons from students and have more lessons to be mailed to USA for grading. Last month, we baptized 2 souls through the study of the courses and they are worshipping with us at Park Side Church of Christ.

Ed's Sermon Translation Program: This program is still running and making a big impact on the lives of people. Ed's tapes and CDs are being giving out to those who have the machine to play them and can understand Ed as he teaches or preaches Gospel. We thank you for the wonderful tools.

We always need more Bibles and also Bibles in our local languages. Thank you for donated your clothes and shoes and some poor converts now in the Lord's church got them.

Dear Sister Naomi,

We really do appreciate your love for the brethren here. This is a very hard soil and we always need assistance. I suffer a whole day for the work and I request that you do pray for me and the work here. I love the work of God. Truly you people have been of great assistance to us on this hard soil. I met only one congregation but now we have four, thanks be to God. There is a certain denominational church here I have began teaching them; please remember me in your prayers. I did that in my home country of Ghana and through the grace of God that church became the Church of Christ to the glory of God. I do hope our beloved brother Bousman is getting better from day to day. We are grateful to God. The rains are heavy here these days but very soon it will be over. Thanks so much and we salute you all in the Lord.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God; London Corner Church of Christ; The Gambia, W. Africa

Kandemba Church of Christ is warm and welcoming. It was great to visit and congregated with the new congregation on Sundays 1st, 8th, and 22nd August 2010. We encouraged the congregation on three Sundays to an average of 15 brethren, focusing on the topics, "The Great Commission, Love and the love of God, Repentance and the Church." Two Bible studies were held one in the morning and in the afternoon after the church service. Visits were made to those we are studying the Bible with. We have baptized one brother, who was involved in beer drinking before we preached the gospel to him. His parents and family members are very happy with me and thanking God for the life change of this brother after his baptism on 2st August. His wife and two children came to worship with us at Messenger Church on Sunday and have promised to continue worshipping with the new house Church at Kandemba.

Prison Ministry: On 4th August 2010, two brothers

accompanied me to go to prison. For the first time, the day was good and all the prison and officers well happy with our lesson. The sad news is about the request to help them with washing and bathing soap that we failed to provide for them. Our brothers and sisters in prison need more things together with the gospel. Thank you for your prayers† making things to move. We have two needs: We need 2 Holy Communion trays and the small cups for the Lord's Supper and bars of soap for the prisoners. God bless you.

John Maseka; Messenger Church of Christ, Zambia, Central Africa

Madame Naomi,

Thank you so much for all the three (3) latest CPs back-up you are sending in the mail for us. Just got last Friday a box of used clothing you have sent earlier. These stuff are big helps for us for the people around us to see Christ in our lives & teachings as they reflected our love to their souls in showing our cares to their basics. May God bless GIJAPA & her donors & supporters for this thought you put forth in us in preaching the Gospel? By the way, I am not able to precede my schedules this Sunday morning. I requested a brother to do the work for me for a time. I have fever & colds due to change of weather. Hot during the day & cold in the morning. Folks here, especially children, have this sort of illness & it looks like normal considering our El Niño phenomena, a hot whether coupled with the scanty of rain.

Ed Domingo; Sunset Beach Church of Christ; Philippines

Ed & Naomi,

We were at Family camp and saw the tribute to you, Ed "LOOKING BACK". Thank you for all of your years of faithfulness we appreciate your work in the kingdom as well as Naomi. You are a wonderful team! We are praying for you both.

Scott & Donna Winchester, OH

Dear Ed & Naomi,

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$1,051.00. Our youth group here at Pole Green Church of Christ; Mechanicsville, VA took the challenge to raise \$1,000 to help you send Bibles to those who request them. We held a car wash/bake sale and collected almost a \$1,000 in one weekend and the next weekend the rest of the money was collected. We do pray that others have sent funds for this purpose.

In Him, Debbie and youth

Dear Ed & Naomi,

God has really blessed you with you still doing minister work. I have kept you on the prayer list at South Side Church of Christ in Columbus, OH. We are glad you are getting along. It was really good to see you and Naomi this summer at Hillsboro Family camp. Met some people that were from New York said they had come there several years to hear you. Sure learn more after I hear you on the radio. Helping with Bible bowl group this my third year.

In Christian love Betty from Washington CH, Ohio

Greetings in Christ:

I apologize for returning these lessons so late. However 2 weeks ago I underwent extensive open hart surgery where they repaired my mitral valve replaced my tricuspid valve and conducted a maze procedure. I had an excellent surgeon and his staff; however the chief surgeon which is our merciful Lord is the one that gave me a new lease on life. I thank all of you at Ed Bousman for helping me get closer to Him.

God bless you all Rodney, a prisoner from Pine Bluff, AK

Dear Ed.

I just received your book, "NT Sermons" and I'm writing to tell you that your writing style perfectly fits your preaching style - no guff, just straight plain truth. And one other thing I find refreshing is that now I can place your face with your name as your picture is right there on page XIII. Thank you for the book; it is the perfect complement to your broadcasts and Bible study lessons both of which I take with great earnest. I must say it can be a challenge to be a "fisher of men" while incarcerated but I try to set an example. I do my Bible studies openly and let it be known that there is hope when there if faith; while my fellow inmates may not listen, they cannot help but see. If I had my "druthers", they would all be listening to your broadcast on WLW on Sundays, they would have to see they couldn't deny the truth. I'll be leaving here in April 2011 never to return I assure you. Thanks again for everything and I'll be reading and listening.

Yours always in Jesus Christ Jeff; from Orient, Ohio Prison

Dear Teacher in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the holy name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I have kindly written this letter after having been repairing my old radio here in our village and I happened to listen to your frequency that was not very clear due to rain, but I was very much blessed to hear you offer the gospel Bible lessons from the radio program at the end of the radio broadcast God Is Just A Prayer Away. I do kindly request this information and invite you and other Christians to come to Africa and teach us and preach and bring the Bible truths to our villages and homes.

I remain yours faithfully Robert from Kenya, E. Africa.

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Please find the enclosed tithe so that many more may come to know God. As I mentioned in my letters earlier, I continue to follow your inspiration and am reading the Bible from Genesis through Revelations and then o'er again for the rest of my life so that I may learn to live my life for God. I'm currently reading the book of Mark. My mother named me Mark David after Mark of the book of Mark and King David. It's good to read and learn what she saw in these two. I am recovering from exploratory surgery where they removed my gallbladder. It's slow going but the going slow is helping me refocus on God and what I can do for Him. Sometimes you need a few speed bumps in the road of life to remind you not to go so fast that you miss what God wants you to see and do. I like your new web site design, congratulations! (www.gijapa.org)

Hallelujah! Mark David from Henrico, VA

Dear Mr. Ed,

My name is Wilbert M. I hear your radio broadcast every Sunday at 9 AM on Q95.5 in Inez, KY and I must say what a blessing it is to me. Today I am writing to you requesting a copy of your Sunday program, "Jesus at the Well" and the seven things Jesus said to the woman at the well, John chapter 4. I heard this program back in August. Please send me a written copy because I am in jail (U.S.P Big Sandy) at this time and can only receive paper copy of stuff. Mr. Bousman, I thank you much, God is really just a prayer away and I will pray for you sir. I thank you much.



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