

AGAPE LESSON2

POLLUTED WATER

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Expose' of 1Kings2v19—21

You will notice that if you are not clued, the Bible seems to be a book of endless stories. The stories are meant for **the natural man/unbeliever/man without the Spirit of God**. In between the lines, is a **mystery**, safely put away by God, only for His children to access. Remember, the Bible is a love-letter from God to His children. Only with the help of **the Holy Spirit** are we able to extrapolate the message hidden.

*[Proverbs25v2] It is the glory of God to **conceal the matter**; but the glory of kings to **search out the matter**.*

*[Matthew13v10—13] And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" (11) He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given for you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. (12) For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away **from** him. (13) Therefore. I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.*

Paul puts it this way – [1Corinthians2v12—15] Now, we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we may know the things which have been freely given to us by God. (13) These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with the spiritual. (14) But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, nor can he know them, because they are Spiritually discerned. (15) But he who is spiritual judges all things, but he himself is rightly judged by no one. (16) But who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Expose 'of 1Kings2v19—21

*(19) Then the **men of the city** said to **Elisha**, "Please notice that the situation of **this city** is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the **water is bad and the ground barren**." (20) And he said, "Bring me a new **bowl** and put **salt** in it." So, they brought it to him. (21) Then he went to the **source of the water**, and cast in the salt there, and said, "**I have healed the water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness**." (21) So, the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.*

The city = ministry (church/bride of Christ). *[Revelation21v2] Then I, John, saw the **holy city, New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride**, adorned for her husband.*

Men = the church (people/God's house) *[1Peter2v5] you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Men = could also mean a representation from different houses/a company/corporate man – **speaking as one voice**, displaying the oneness of God. God never works in isolation. *[Genesis1v26] Then God said, "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion*

over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

God is Family. [Acts4v23—24] And being let go, **they went to their own companions** and reported all that the chief priest and the elders had said to them. (24) So, when they heard that, **they raised their voice to God with one accord** and said, "Lord, You are Go, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them.

Situation = location (position).

Water = word of God [Ephesians5v26] that He may sanctify and cleanse her with the **washing of the water by the word of God.**

Water is a constant picture of the word of God. [Psalm46v4] **There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.**

Elisha = God is salvation.

Ground = people [Genesis2v7] And the Lord, God, formed man **of the dust of the ground**, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being.

Barrenness = nil growth/nil fruit/ miscarriage of vision, **will finally lead to death.** There is stasis (stagnation), no excitement, no joy, no liberty in most churches today. [2Corinthians3v17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, **and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**

Death = strife and contention/ depression/suicide. This is very prevalent in most churches today.

New bowl = clean/pure vessel. This speaks of **a person with the character of Christ.** It is very unfortunate today that the church will use anyone because of charisma (gift) and ignore character. The result is that the church is shipwrecked and derailed. The spirit of Jezebel is silencing the voice of God. The word comes forth **polluted.**

Polluted water = word without the Spirit of God – **the letter.** A **pure word** is Spirit-filled. [John6v63] It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are Spirit, and they are life.

The letter = word without the Spirit. [2Corinthians3v5—6] Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, (6) who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, **not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter kills but the Spirit gives life.**

Salt = gives

- (1) Taste
- (2) Healing from infection/pollution
- (3) Harmony/peace in our relationships. Salt in the form of repentance and forgiveness, as a result of love.
- (4) Preserves from decay/broken relationships/spirit of hatred/ abuse/revenge/murder/suicide.

[Mark9v49—50] For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. (50) Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavour, how will you season it? **Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.**

Elisha as God's mouthpiece declared these words, "**I have healed this water, from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.**" The proceeding word (life-giving word) from Elisha brought life to the situation. Jesus' words, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God** (Matthew 4v4), became real. Most people out there preach from head knowledge, and not from a **fresh** word from God.

It is obvious that a **curse** is involved here:

Why was Jericho cursed?

(1) Who cursed it?

The men of the city **identified the problem accurately**, but could not help themselves. They recognized the **grace** in Elisha and so they related their problem to him. As you know **they did not have direct access to the Holy Spirit as we do**. They had to find someone to hear from the Lord on their behalf.

[1Samuel 9v9] Formally in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus, "Come let us go to the seer." For, he who is now called a prophet was formally called a **seer**.

[1Corinthians 12v28] God has appointed these in the church, **first apostles, second prophets, third teachers**, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, administrations, variety of tongues.

The above verse shows us the **order** of ranking in the spirit. It is the apostles who pioneer the proclamation of the gospel in the nations.

Now the men of the city engaged Elisha on the basis of the **grace** they recognised in him.

[Joshua 6v26] Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying, "**Cursed** be the man before God who rises up and builds this city, Jericho; he shall lay its foundations with his first-born, and with his youngest he shall set up the gates.

The city of Jericho **was cursed by God Himself** (Joshua 6v17—18). Joshua **rubber-stamped** what God had already done. Rebuilding what God has doomed is suicide. The grace vested in Joshua was very high. So, not just any-who would undo what he had ordained. You see, here **Joshua and God were in agreement**. Joshua prophetically was revealing the fate of whoever would dare to build Jericho.

[1Kings 16v34] In his days Hiel of Bethel build Jericho. He laid its foundation with Abiram his first-born, and with his youngest son Segub he set up its gates, according to the word of the Lord, which He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun.