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Bible Text: 2 King 6:1-6

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Almighty Father we bless your name for the gift of life, we exalts you because there is none like you, Lord Jesus we are about to study your word, Father let the Holy Spirit take control of tonight study, we pray that the word we are about to hear will not stand against us on the judgment day in Jesus name.

Introduction

You are all welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ... I hope you all had a lovely day?

I believe we are all doing all it takes to be accounted worthy of standing blameless before the Lord on that final day? May His Holy name be praised forever. Amen

We would be considering something very spectacular especially in a time like this. This is why I would like everyone to follow today's teaching with rapt attention.

Bible Text

2 Kings 6:1-6

[1]And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us.

[2]Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go."

[3]Then one said, “Please consent to go with your servants.” And he answered, “I will go.”

[4]So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.

[5]But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, “Alas, master! For it was borrowed.”

[6]So the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float.

Study

If we read carefully through this passage of the scriptures, we will see that it is one of the most interesting portions of the scripture. The disciples of Elisha told him that it would be good if they could relocate to another place where they can be meeting.

They have been meeting where they were, but growth occurred—an increase in number, when there is increase in number then there must be increase in space. It is just like the church building today, most churches started small but as the members increased, there came a need for the building to be expanded. Now the issues faced by his disciples is not that they do not want to expand the building of the place they were currently but it is just that there was no space to expand to which was why they called for a relocation. Atimes in life, to fulfill one's destiny for an expansion in some certain spheres of Life, relocation is necessary because where one is might make it impossible for expansion, for there may not be enough space for such expansion.

If we look carefully, the disciples of Elisha did not call for a relocation, when they were within the number that the space could contain without problem. **2 Kings 6:1 KJV** And the sons of

the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. When they saw that the place had become too small, they called for relocation, this implies that one is not expected to leave where he is when it is not expected of him. You might be serving under someone in a church or secular world and you feel you have to leave, you must not leave before it is time. When it is time to leave, everything around you will show that it is time to leave. Many have left where they should have remained hurriedly and have got their destiny cut short. There is a time for everything, when it was the right time for relocation, these disciples therefore chose to relocate and when they took the step, the work started but challenges arose, they began to cut beams.

It is most likely that due to their numbers and the large projects before them, they had to go around and borrow axes from people around. It is also possible that an axe was very costly in those days that they could not afford to buy their own axe but had to borrow. Getting where to borrow an axe was not even the problem at that point but that it should be returned as it was borrowed, then the unexpected happened, the axe head fell into the water. **2 Kings 6:5 KJV** But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. Looking carefully at this, they were busy with work in total focus and concentration beside the Jordan river where they have chosen to relocate to. But now distraction happened. We can see that this axe was borrowed, assuming it was theirs, it wouldn't have really been a big problem, but it was borrowed and the servant cried out "Alas!, master!, it was borrowed" he did not even shout that it had fallen but that it was borrowed. This is because the gravity of the repercussion of what was borrowed if lost is greater than what is ours when lost.

If one loses his own pen it will not really be as painful as losing another person's pen because it is not one's own. A lot of things must have run through the mind of that disciple within milliseconds, such as, "this is not my axe, what will I tell its owner" "where are we going to find money to buy another one?" "how would it sound to people that a borrowed axe fell into the river? Etc

This was why he cried out! Well, if he had really thought about these things carefully before they began work he would have been more careful and cautious about the axe but it was after it removed and entered inside the river that he knew the ripple effects of the axe being a borrowed one. Painfully, many of Christ's disciples today are like this disciple. Most times, we do not take proper question and careful thought to think about our souls that they are not ours so that we would guide it, for it not to fall into the river of sin which will eventually lead to its total loss without recovery.

If it was an easy thing for them to retrieve the axe head from the river, the disciple wouldn't have cried out the way he did. That points at "hopelessness", it was clearly noticed in his voice, he knew the gravity of him losing that axe head which was meant to be a great help in fulfilling their mission beside the Jordan river, but now that it has entered the water the mission in his own hand is aborted because what is remaining in his hand is an ordinary stick and a stick cannot cut a stick that he would be able to finish the task committed into his hand.

So he cried out that it was borrowed, beloved, do you know that your soul too is not your own totally? Do you know that you were borrowed that soul pending the limited time you are given on earth to fulfill the task God gave you to fulfill? Why did you then choose to live life anyhow claiming that you can live your life the way you want? Why you are able to see the soul as yours is

because you are still currently living on earth, the day you die you will know that it is not yours but God's. **Ezekiel 18:4 KJV** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. "All souls are mine" God says.

The owner of that soul now says any soul that sins it shall die, just the same way their axe head entered the water without hope is the way the soul that finds itself in the river of sin though it has been used in achieving some tasks it shall surely die. The question I want to ask you now is that as a child of God as your soul not entered the river of sin? Remember that, that axe head could have been useful for long but the moment it entered the river, that was the end. Truly, currently you are well used by God, you perform signs and wonders, people respect you, many say good things about you, they know you as a disciple of Christ but has your axe head not fallen into the river of sin? Are you not wallowing in secret sins?

What about your spiritual life? Has it not been contaminated because of the affairs of this world? Remember that you have a borrowed soul with you which must be returned to its Owner. It must not be lost, if not what will you tell the owner of that soul at the end of the day? God gave you a soul and you are living a carefree life with it, remember that you can lose it at any time without recovery.

We can liken the situation surrounding this disciple and the axe head to us today in two ways.

1. The falling of the axe head into the water due to lack of carefulness is how an unserious disciple keeps playing with sin until loses his soul eternally.
2. It can also be likened to a disciple who is busy with the work of God not given proper caution and care to himself until it all falls

into the river of lukewarmness and spiritual dryness. This disciple was busy with work and did not put much caution on himself till the axe fell, just the same way you can even be very busy with the work of the ministry till your soul gets lost because you did not take caution to examine/reflect on yourself if you are still in the faith. In any of the two ways none is good, for everyone would give accounts to the Lord at the end of the day. Do you know that your children are not yours? You borrowed them from God, the day you and your spouse decided to mate was the day you requested for them legally from the Lord. Therefore, that thing that makes you keep saying they are your children and that you can do anything you like with them is not of God. **Psalm 127:3 KJV** *Lo, children are an HERITAGE OF THE LORD : and the fruit of the womb is his reward.* You can liken them to a property you borrowed from God. They are not yours therefore you must return them to Him.

This is why you are commanded to train them in the admonition of the Lord. **Ephesians 6:4 KJV** *And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.* This is why many parents will regret that they ever gave birth on the day of judgment because the children they borrowed from God were not returned back to Him. They lost them in the river of sin which sunk them deep into the ocean of eternity in hell just because they did not play their own part well in carefulness.

It is the responsibility of every parent to make sure that their children are trained in the ways of the Lord. They must be trained to know the Lord no matter what. This is why you must take to heart that all you have been borrowed must not go into oblivion. Thank God for that disciple who quickly cried out to the master. Today, with the way many are living their lives in the body of Christ, it is clear that they need to cry out to the Master.

This is not the time to hide it from Him but cry out, when the disciple cried out, his master heard his voice. **Psalm 18:6 KJV** *In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.*

You know you have begun to live a careless Christian life, why not cry out before you lose the axe head totally? Is it that the axe head has fallen into the river of sin already, why not cry out for help, call The Master he's ready to help. Assuming the disciple did not cry out, it would have been too late.

Then the unimaginable happened after he cried out, the axe head floated, how possible is that? That is divine intervention! In the same way, God is ready to intervene in your hopeless situation. The axe of your life can still float again by divine intervention. When it comes up then you are to play your own part. **2 Kings 6:7 KJV** *Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. AND HE PUT OUT HIS HAND, AND TOOK IT.* Elijah told him to take the axe head and he did. The moment the Lord restores you or your children, take the necessary steps by doing things that will help you and them spiritually.

When the disciple was asked to take the axe head, he did not hesitate to do so. You too must not hesitate to start serious study of God's word, prayers, and fasting for yourself and teaching your children the things of God. Assuming the disciple did not quickly take the floating axe it might have sunk again and by this time, there may no longer be any remedy for him.

As it not entered? Think about it... Think about those things the Lord gave you which you must give account for, have they not entered the river of destruction due to your carelessness??

Wherever the spiritual life and souls of anyone present here today has entered due to carelessness which has now

rendered such a person helpless and hopeless, I command it to be retrieved by the miraculous power of God now in Jesus Christ name.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven. Please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Saviour, I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today and I make a decision to obey and follow You, come into my life now, and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen.

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