

### Little Things Matter

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

**Matt. 25:34-36.** "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

This scripture tells us of the Lord's pleasure and approval of the way of life for those on his right hand at the judgment. We may look at it and think that there is nothing remarkable in it. These people didn't do anything that we would call great or outstanding. Yet, the Lord is pleased and it shows in the way that He talks to them.

Let us remember that we are told in Isaiah 55: 8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,

saith the Lord. 9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. So we can see that God does not look at things like we do. If someone has done something that we think is big, then we think that they are important. God looks for the one who does what is right.

Those whom the Lord commended wanted to know when they had served Him for they hadn't realized that they had done it. All they knew was that they had helped those poor and in need as they had had an opportunity to do so. They had not seen the Lord, but had helped those in need. Then the Lord said that they had helped Him by helping those poor that they had helped each day along the way through life.

Think of it! A cup of water given to someone is remembered by the Lord. A few minutes to visit the sick or someone in jail is commended by Jesus. I believe that in most cases, if we have been to the jails to visit, it was to see one of our relatives. Jesus didn't say that they were to go see the innocent, but those in prison. Those who are in there for crimes need to hear about Jesus. Have we visited any in jail,

or prison, and what about the sick? It is often the same for the sick. Most of the time those who visit are relatives. I have had those who I visited to ask me to tell the church to come see them. Sometimes people are unable to come to church and they are almost forgotten by those who they had went to church with. If you don't care about the needy, the sick, those in prison, and the others with needs, then get ready to explain to the Lord why you didn't do it.

Those on his left hand were told, "Matt 25: 41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. They weren't murderers or thieves, just people who didn't love their fellow men. They tried to say, "we didn't turn you away!" He said, "as you did it not to the least of these, you did it not to me!"

Christianity is about faith and love. If you have one, you will have the other.

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WHEN PHARAOH WAS ADVISED BY JOSEPH TO STORE UP ALL THE FOOD GROWN IN THE LAND, DURING SEVEN YEARS OF PLENTY, AGAINST THE TIME WHEN THERE WOULD BE SEVEN YEARS FAMINE, ALL OF WHICH JOSEPH HAD PREDICTED BY INTERPRETING PHARAOH'S DREAM (GENESIS 41:25-44), PHARAOH WAS SO PLEASED HE MADE JOSEPH RULER OF THE ENTIRE LAND, SECOND ONLY TO PHARAOH, HIMSELF!



JOSEPH IMMEDIATELY HAD HUGE STORE-HOUSES BUILT TO HOARD EGYPT'S PRODUCE AND, WHEN THE FAMINE SET IN THERE WAS FOOD A'PLENTY—BUT JOSEPH DIDN'T GIVE THE FOOD TO THE PEOPLE—HE SOLD IT TO THEM AND, WHEN THEY RAN OUT OF MONEY, HE TOOK THEIR ANIMALS IN PAYMENT ON THE GRAIN THEY NEEDED FOR FOOD AND TO PLANT AS SEED....

FINALLY, WHEN THE FARMERS NEEDED MORE FOOD AND GRAIN, THEY HAD NOTHING LEFT BUT THEIR LAND WHICH JOSEPH TOOK TITLE TO IN THE NAME OF PHARAOH IN PAYMENT FOR MORE FOOD AND GRAIN—SO THE PHARAOH WOUND UP OWNING ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE LANDS OWNED BY THE PRIESTHOOD! THE PRIESTS, WHO BY TRADITIONAL LAW, WERE FED FROM PHARAOH'S STORES, HENCE THEY HADN'T HAD TO BUY ANY FOOD OR GRAIN AND KEPT THEIR LANDS!

AFTER THAT, JOSEPH GAVE THE PEOPLE FREE GRAIN WITH WHICH TO PLANT MORE CROPS BUT THEY HAD TO GIVE TO PHARAOH ONE-FIFTH OF ALL THAT THEIR LAND PRODUCED, FROM THEN ON! WITHOUT A DOUBT, THIS WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE TAKE-OVER OF A LAND BY ONE MAN THAT HISTORY HAS EVER RECORDED—"EFFICIENCY EXPERT" IS A MILD TERM FOR A MAN OF JOSEPH'S CALIBER, WHO HAD COME INTO EGYPT AS A SLAVE AND, IN DUE TIME, ENSLAVED THE ENTIRE NATION—ALL BY HIMSELF!

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