

Between The pot of Oil and The Vessels of Abundance...

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*Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. 2And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save **a pot of oil**. 3Then he said, Go, borrow thee **vessels** abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. 6And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. **2 Kings 4:1-6***

*And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, 9Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. 10So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. 12And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of **meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse**: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. 13And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. 14For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. 15And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. 16And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah. **1 Kings 17:8-16***

These two experiences of two mighty prophets of God reveal the power of God to bring man from the level of promise to the manifestation of the promise in the life of a believer. In both cases, there was lack. While the widow (representing a people (church) that has lost vital relationship with God (for Jesus is the husband of the church). Both suffered lack due to loss of vital fellowship (oneness) with God in the first instance and wickedness in the land in the second. Christ is the Husband. When we were invited to the marriage feast, he married all that attended (Matt 22). You become a widow, when he “dies” out of your life and experience, even for a moment.

Obviously, the woman in Elija’s experience had a higher ministry than the second. She had eaten more of the Lamb of Passover than the second....She had a barrel of meal and a cruse of oil. She was schooled in the art of apothecary, being able to fashion out the word and apply it. She also

had some anointing with which to prepare and eat of the word of God. But there was famine in the Land, because of the absence of rain. This was the result of Elija's pronouncement to punish Ahab and his prophets in wickedness and to bring the people to repentance from idolatry. This woman had come to a point of total frustration and wall of hopelessness. She was ready to die with her son after this last meal. But Elija instructed that she should prepare a meal for him first. The principle here is that when a man is fully given to the things of God, God makes provision for him at the personal and divine levels. All needed was a prepared vessel which the widow was. Between the barrel of meal and the cruse of oil was the widow. She has the grace to listen to the voice of the spirit and obey. The result was that there was enough grace to do the divine and the personal,

The Woman of II Kings 4 however had only a pot of oil. Her need was very personal. She was at the point of mortgaging her conscience in order to reduce the pressure on her. Beyond this point, she would have backslided, eroding the benefits of a previous glorious experience with the Lord. The solution to her problem was discipline in the use of the oil in her possession to meet the immediate and future needs.

The present church has something too. What it has is knowledge of the promises of God. It has difficulty translating some of that knowledge to experiential blessings. The consequence of this is he gets embarrassed by the enemy once in a while. The case of the woman in Elija's story was easier. All she needed was faith to apply what she already possesses. The blessing was very close. She had the promise and the manifestation of it.

Between the woman of II kings pot of oil and the filled vessels, there existed a space. That space needed to be filled properly for the power of God to be demonstrated in her personal experience. She needed a one to one fellowship with God. Matt 6 tells us to enter into our closets, lock the door against all psychological and emotional noises and talk to God.

*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. 7But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. **Matthew 6:6-7***

Man is the "thing" which fills the space between something and nothing, and causes manifestation to take place. No wonder Jesus stressed the importance of being silent. Man is then freed from all beliefs of degrees of life.

So you enter into the Space Between. You are now at the place where the invisible becomes visible. No one believes this. That is why you are told to place the coal of fire on your Lips, and to go within and shut the door. This law is much disobeyed by earnest seekers of the Light who cannot understand why there are no results, and why the oil does not pour. Yes, you are to borrow vessels not a few. And it means just that. You have been living in a world of limitation. When you enter or become the "Space between" the flow fills everything around you, - and neutralizes the belief so completely that the problem of lack and limitation does not exist in your universe.

Enter into the Place between and let the flow of light come through you and fill all measures not for the sake of self aggrandizement, but for the free oneness of you and God. Yes, you are the

space between ... Enter in and let the flow of **life** begin to take place. You, yourself, are the answer to prayer.

Take it into the sanctuary. Take *that* word and return unto the father, - the point of power and creation, and see what takes place in the movement of **oneness** with him when it is freed from the involvement of your human belief, teaching, and thought.

You are suddenly a new creature in this *light* and understand how it is that **oneness** moves by its own power, and has nothing to overcome. It suddenly arrives and IS, and so do you go within and shut the door and stop telling of and about, and begin to experience the action of **oneness** in your own life.

Yes, it is like the man who found the pearl of Great Price and bought a field and buried it, after he had let go of all the old worn out cliches and ideas he had picked up from the man whose breath was, and is, in his nostrils. And that buried pearl will illumine the whole earth. Go in - shut the door - put the coal of fire on the lips. There arises a new speech as you speak the language of God. You see with his eyes, hear with his ears, discern with his nostrils, etc. In essence, your five senses die as the light of God shines through your body. IT IS WONDERFUL. Such very personal communion is a preparation for overshadowing of the spirit of God, that leads to pregnancy and ultimate birthing of the son. A union by fusion of the spirit of God and our spirit after the purging takes place. The coal brings the purging. The result is complete agreement with him. But the person praying must be still. You can only know God when you are still. There is a substitution of your strength for the strength of God. The oils continues to flow until there is virtually to vessel left. It settles all things personal and divine. Goliath becomes so short.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah. Psalm 4:4

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God. 4Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. 5Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. 6Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. Psalm 84:3-6

Be still. This means “cease” from your own way of thinking; forsake your old ways and follow the way of the Lord.