

Should a man be afraid of the Judgment
or the Wisdom of listening to God's Word?
2 Kings 7:9

Introduction

A. ~~A wise man has said~~ { The O.T. is in New revealed
The New is in Old concealed

1. I judge he means by that
great principles & lessons of life are to be
found illustrated in the "Events" & lives ^{of men}
2. Abstract doctrines - hard for most to comprehend
but put it into concrete form - flashes -
 - (a) Teach men to be true & loyal & trust in
of Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
 - (b) Jesus recognized this - parabolic
should not trust in themselves Luke 18:9.

B. With this in mind ... turn with me to an
incident in Samaria - 2 Kings 7:9.

1. These were strenuous times for people - 6:24, 25
 - (a) Famine very grievous
 - (b) King blames Man of God & determines
to kill Elisha. vs 32
 - (c) Elisha's prophecy vs. 1. there vs 2
Skeptics right
2. Now in connection with this event
4 lepers come into prominence -
 - (a) All aware of custom of shutting
lepers out of city -
 - (b) As dependent upon Charity - ^{imagine} their state
 - (c) I want you to follow
the psychology of their thought

~~WHY~~

A. ~~First thought in form of Question~~ <sup>Dangerous Helpless why sit we
here until we die.</sup>

1. Death seemed to stare them in face -
 - (a) They had depended on friends
 - (b) Their present condition hopeless
 - (c) To go to the Syrians meant death
 - (d) ~~Some fellows~~ - lay down & die - ^{only one} course open
2. It pays one to face issue however
dark, squarely
 - (a) - We detect the stinker of death
will not come

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Reading Rom 2:1-16

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(b) Get to know worst - it may help you to a decision
of John Bunyan - in his "Valley of Shadow of Death"
satan - ^{shined away day of grace}
magistrate - ^{if we let you out stop preaching}
enemy - ^{stop preaching with rope}
felt rope ... about to jump into eternity
matt 11:28 John 6:37

(c) Trouble too many - afraid of judgment and will not face it
Quiet fears - no hell - no devil - no fire
no eternal Heb 10:31
do not yet Bible say
Why not believe it & face the issue -
Same Bible Rom 3:23 Eph 2:8

B. The second thought that came was one of surprise
instead of death - life & food

1. Can imagine creeping along - fearing death
what's that? horses neigh - mules winnow
The Lord had opened the way - opened up
How is God going to forgive - a way
2. They had a real feast - pretty hungry
Isa 55:1-3

C. The third thought suggests responsibility

1. We should tell it - mischief may befall it.
Great number suffer - confession & testimony -
Far too much ingratitude = selfishness.
2. This faces every In - Rom 10:9
So many think it matters not.
3. Little did these lepers think testimony would bring out the fulfillment of Gods Word
of Wicked Carrier this little daughter
- damned her soul & consigned her to per.
fell on knees - Don't do what Daddy asks
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Conclusion

A. The rest of the story is easy - They told the
poet - King
1. Now comes the test - Will they heed this testimony
(a) The King had put very little credence
in apostles words - thought it impossible
(b) Now he is doubtful but he investigates
2. It was found true - God cannot lie.
- trouble is - think our way is best -
John Nambledon. Bless you
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