

DIG YOUR DITCH!
2KINGS 3:14-19



THE LESSON TODAY IS ABOUT WHY WE MISS SOME BLESSINGS!

- Matthew 5:6 Jesus says, “Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled...”
- But in order to be filled, we have to create an emptiness, “our filling will be proportional to our emptiness”
- I’m concerned that we don’t operate in the blessed condition of “emptiness.”

WHEN WE COME TO WORSHIP

We are **FULL!**

- Full of Comfort
- Full of Natural Life
- Full of Stuff
- We don't come to worship with hunger and desperation for God

THE SIN OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH IS THOUGHT TO BE HOMOSEXUALITY BUT:

Ezekiel 16:49-50 Says It Was

- Pride
- Fullness of Bread (a condition of no need for God)

IN REVELATION 3:17 THE SPIRIT OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT LAODICEA

- I'm Full
- I've Got It Made
- I don't need anything

The same church to which Jesus said, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to dine with him, and he with Me."

IF JESUS NEEDED TO SPEAK AND I WON'T LET HIM IN!

- About Forgiveness
- Dishonesty
- Temperance
- Self Control
- Church Involvement



**But I Won't Let Him
In!
I'm FULL!**

OBSERVATIONS

- Here in this text (II Kings 3), we find 3 kings who found themselves in a desperate situation
- They were faced with the very real possibility of dying of thirst or being so weakened from dehydration, the Moabites, their enemy, would easily capture them

WHAT WAS GOD'S ANSWER TO THEM

Make the Valley Full of Ditches

- **Create a condition of emptiness**
- **This would require personal effort (God promised to bring the water but they were going to have to dig their own ditches)**
- **Some things, the Preacher or Elders or Deacons can't do for you**
- **The effort of digging would serve to make them more desperate for water (their labor would increase their thirst)**



*When We Are Willing to Become Uncomfortably Thirsty and Unashamedly
Desperate We Are On Our Way To Being Filled!*

Our Elders provide self-help symposiums to help to fill our voids but we have to be willing to come (create the ditch to be filled):

- **Married Classes**
- **Financial Peace Classes**
- **Grief Support**
- **Health Seminars and Health Related Activities**
- **Youth Activities (Ambassadors, Bible Scholars)**
- **Sisters Keeping Sisters**

NOTICE THIS: THE EMPTINESS THEY WERE CREATING WAS TO BE A MEASURE OF THE FULLNESS THEY WOULD RECEIVE

- If they chose to dig only a couple of ditches, they would get only a couple of ditches of water
- The more emptiness they created, the more filled they would get (the more The Lord would give them)
- You see, it's not our fullness that attracts God, but our emptiness!
- It's not our dignity, but our desperation—not our strength, but our weakness

WATER POURED IN!

- The Moabites heard that the Kings were coming, so they armed themselves and waited at the border

But Look At What God Does!

- **Verses 22-23 say that when the Moabites (enemy) got up the next morning, the early morning sun shined over the water and caused it to look like blood to the Moabites**
- **They reasoned that the Kings had fought each other causing a blood bath**

AND SO THEY DECIDED:

*Let's Go Get The Stuff They Left!
(All The Food, Clothes, Horses,
Fighting Gear)*

*So They Go To The Israelites Camp,
Unprepared, And Get Massacred!*

God Knows Satan's Plot For
You, But Satan Doesn't
Know God's Plans For You!

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the Gospel **Acts 15:7**

Believe the Gospel **Acts 15:7**

Repent of Sins **Acts 17:30**

Confess Christ **Acts 8:37**

Be Baptized **Acts 8:38**