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CEYLON PENTECOSTAL MISSION - DOCTRINES

We preach Christ. His birth, His works, His teaching, His crucifixion, His resurrection, His ascension, His second coming, His millennial reign, His white throne judgment and the new heaven and the new earth, when He shall have put all enemies under His feet and shall reign eternally.

REPENTANCE towards God, (Acts 20:21). Repentance is godly sorrow for sin. It is the outcome of a broken and a contrite heart before God. (2 Cor:7:10), (Ps: 51: 17).

RECONCILIATION- Our Lord's teaching on this is - First be reconciled to thy brother, who hath ought against thee and then come and offer thy gift before the altar. (Matt 5:23,24), (Matt 18:35).

JUSTIFICATION is that act of God's free grace by which we receive remission of sins. (Rom 3:24; 5:1).

SANCTIFICATION- We are sanctified when we are truly yielded to God's written word. (John 15:3; 17:17), (Acts 20:32).

WATER BAPTISM- by immersion. Jesus went into the water and came up out of the water giving us an example. (Mark 1: 9,10). The Lord's command is to baptise believers, (Mark :16:16); (Matt: 28:19). Examples: (Acts 2:37, 41; 8:12,37,38; 10:48), (1 Peter 3:21).

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is the endowment of power- (Luke 24:49), (Acts 1:4), (Matt 3:1), (John 7: 38,39). At the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, He comes to abide with us forever (John 14:16).

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is evidenced by speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. (Mark 16:17); (1 Cor: 14:21-22)
Examples: (Acts :2:4; 10:45, 46; 19:6).

DIVINE HEALING - Our sicknesses and our infirmities were borne by Jesus. (Matt 8:17), (1 Peter 2:4). Christ healed the sick and commissioned His disciples to do the same. (Matt 12:15, 10:8), (Luke :10:9), (Mark 16: 18), (James 5:14-16). All people of God received healing in answer to prayer. (Gen: 20:7, 17,18); (Num: 12:13-15), (1Kings 13:6), (2Kings 5:10-14), (Ps 103:3, 28:8).

THE LORD'S SUPPER- Jesus instituted the Lord's supper that we might "show His death till He comes" (1 Cor. 11: 23-26), (Luke 22:17-20). It brings healing to our bodies if we discern the Lord's body. (1 Cor 11:29,30).

DEDICATION OF INFANTS - When parents brought their little children to Jesus, He took them up in His arms put His hands upon them and blessed them. (Mark 10: 16). We do likewise at infant dedication. (Luke: 2: 27,28).

Study

Studying in the

School Of Brokenness

It was a solemn moment for David. Samuel, the priest, prophet and judge of Israel had summoned him from the sheepcote. His father Jesse and his brothers were looking on in wonder as their honoured guest anointed David as the future king of Israel. It would have been a proud moment for this youngest son of Jesse. It would be recorded in the annals of history how a shepherd boy had become king of the kingdom of Israel. Little did he realize that when he was anointed, he was enrolled not into the lineage of royalty, but into the school of submission and brokenness. This was a school to which few willingly enrolled and even fewer graduated.

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him" (II Tim.2:12). All who desire to reign with Christ have to undergo the training given in this most severe school - the school of brokenness. Every student of this school has to suffer much pain. This is because God can only work through men who live in pain. Men who are broken vessels.

One of the first lessons David was taught, he had to learn in the classroom of King Saul's court. Although David had been anointed king, he had to first serve under a king - a mad king, a king who threw spears at you whenever he was troubled by an evil spirit.

Now, when someone throws a spear at you, what should you do? Wrench it out of the wall and throw it right back. Everyone else does it. In doing this small feat of returning thrown spears you will prove many things: you are courageous, you stand for the right, and you boldly stand against all wrong. You are tough and you can't be pushed around. You will not stand for injustice and unfair treatment. You are the defender of the faith, the keeper of the flame, detector of all heresy. You will not be wronged. It will also prove that you are a candidate for kingship. Most assuredly, you are the Lord's anointed. But in the school of brokenness, this idealism cannot and will not be tolerated.

In this school however one is taught how not to be hit by spears. How can this be done? First, learn to duck quickly. Second, never throw back the spear. Third, never learn the art of spear throwing. Finally, keep your mouth tightly closed.

In other words, when a trial of breaking takes place in our lives we must first be quick to humble ourselves. We must bow our heads. In this way we receive grace to go through this trial (Jam. 4:6).

Secondly, when the Lord takes us through a period of breakings, we should never seek revenge from the one whom the Lord is using as a tool to break us. We should realize that the individual or circumstance causing this pain in our lives is an instrument the Lord is using to make us more precious.

Next, let us always be vigilant that we do not become an instrument which breaks others. Rather let us yield ourselves to be the vessel which is being broken.

Finally, whatever the provocation may be, let us keep quiet. Just commit the matter into God's hands and be silent. In this way spears will never touch us even if they pierce our hearts, causing us pain.

How can we know that a spear has hit us? We become bitter. Every lesson taught in the school of brokenness will either make us better or bitter. What makes the difference? It is the greatest vessel of brokenness, our "Emmanuel" or the unyielding "T". If we refuse to listen to the voice of self and pride and focus our eyes on Emmanuel (Jesus - Matt. 1:23), we can be assured of success in this unit of study in the school of brokenness.

David's experience in the court of King Saul was just the beginning of his education. Saul made life torture, but David responded only with respect and private agony. No matter how great the grievance was, no matter how justified, he would not speak against those in seats of responsibility. He only yielded himself to be broken.

As we enrol in the school of brokenness, God sets His eyes on the unbroken, proud soul within us and begins the process of breaking with meticulous care and purpose. This operation takes years and is brutalizing. It almost kills the patient. The inner being is mutilated. Yet David accepted it. He embraced the cruel circumstances. He lifted no hand nor offered any resistance, nor did he grandstand his piety. Silently, privately, he bore the crucibles. David has become unrecognizable.

Many times the paths the Lord leads us through can be described as brutalizing, killing, mutilating. But during these periods of trial, these lessons in brokenness, the Lord not only desires but also expects us to joyfully and silently embrace these circumstances so that He may transform our character and make us like Him.

As Saul persistently continued to chase him, caves became castles and pits became homes. It was during this time that the outcasts of society found security and peace while in the presence of David who was hiding in the caves of Adullam (II Sam. 22:1-2). In the caves drowned in the sorrow of his song and in the song of his sorrow, David became the greatest hymn writer and comforter of broken hearts.

It is only when we are broken can the Lord use us to heal those who are broken-hearted and set the captives free. This truth can be clearly seen in Isaiah 49:7-9, "To him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nations abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, thus saith the Lord, '..... I will give thee for a covenant to the people, that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; and to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves.'"

Even when he reached a very small measure of safety in a foreign land, he was feared, hated, lied about and plotted against. Everything was being crushed out; broken in pieces. David's ambition was now no higher than a shepherd's staff. Suffering was giving birth to humility and brokenness. David had changed: he talked less; loved God more; sang differently.

By earthly measures David was a shattered man. By heaven's measure he was a broken one. As we yield to be broken, as we bend our heads, the world will call us foolish and cowardly. Yet heaven will call us 'kings and priests' (Rev. 1:6).

Another issue dealt with in the school of brokenness is rebellion. A man who instigates a rebellion has already proved that he has a critical nature, an unprincipled character and hidden motives in his heart. He is a thief and one who creates dissatisfaction. A broken man never rebels. No rebellion in the Kingdom of God is proper and can never be blessed.

Even after being crowned king, David had to learn many lessons in the school of brokenness. Although he was now accepted and confirmed as the king of Israel by the people, he showed submission not authority. David taught losing not winning; giving not taking. He shielded

from suffering, not meted it out. Authority from God is not afraid of challenges. It makes no defence nor cares if it is dethroned.

David was willing to lose everything. He gave God a free hand to end, even destroy his kingdom if it pleased Him. We can see this brokenness in the way David reacted to Shemei when he cursed him (II Sam. 16:10-11). This attitude of selfless abandonment is a sure sign of brokenness.

After learning many other lessons in this school of brokenness and completing his rigorous training, David finally graduated. He became the only king of Israel who ever obtained the testimony from God, "A man after mine own heart" (Acts 13:22). Therefore all those who desire to receive this same testimony from God, hesitate not to enrol in the school of brokenness.

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HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD

(Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934))

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!

Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mould me and make me after Thy will,

While I am waiting, yielded and still.

An elderly woman at a prayer meeting one night pleaded, "It really doesn't matter what you do with us, Lord, just have your way with our lives." At this meeting was Adelaide Pollard, a rather well-known itinerant Bible teacher who was deeply discouraged because she had been unable to raise the necessary funds for a missionary trip to Africa. She was moved by the older woman's sincere and dedicated request of God.

At home that evening Miss Pollard meditated on Jeremiah 8:3-4 *Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he wrought a work on the wheels, and the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again, another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.*

Before retiring that evening, Adelaide Pollard completed the writing of all four stanzas of this famous hymn.

*No matter what is happening in your life right now,
 remember that God is waiting for you with open arms.*

Activity

GOD USES THOSE WHO ARE BROKEN

Christ is building His kingdom with earth's broken things. Men want only the strong, the successful, the victorious, the unbroken in building their kingdoms. But God is the God of the unsuccessful, of those who have failed. Heaven is full of earth's broken lives, and there is no bruised reed that Christ cannot take and restore to glorious blessedness and beauty. He can take the life crushed by pain and sorrow and make it into a harp whose music will be only praise. God can lift earth's saddest failure up to heaven's glory. Described below are some who appeared to be failures, but were truly God's successes. Try to identify them. (Answers found on page 8)

- 1) An angel of the Lord touched the hollow of his thigh and left him limping for the rest of his life. It was through this breaking down of his natural strength that God was able to clothe him with spiritual power and make him a prince.
- 2) His health and wealth were all taken away in the space of a couple days, yet he continued to praise God. It was through the breaking of everything in which he could have placed his confidence that proved the testimony of the Lord concerning him, "a perfect and an upright man."
- 3) He was the ruler of a great empire yet he was thrown into a den of lions for 'treason'. Every trace of confidence in his position was broken. It was after this that his God was accepted in that empire.
- 4) She went to a land which was hostile to her people and obeyed her mother-in-law in doing certain things which no *respectable* woman would. By thus losing her reputation because of obedience, she was joined to the lineage of Jesus.
- 5) He boldly declared that he would follow his Master even unto death, but at the query of a servant girl, he denied his Lord thrice. After the breaking of his self-confidence he became the chief apostle.
- 6) Having been broken in spirit and body, having lost confidence in everything, she makes her journey through the wilderness leaning on her Beloved.
- 7) His precious body was broken to pieces by whips, thorns, nails and a spear. By the blood which flowed from these wounds millions upon millions are saved and healed even today.

Study

The Broken Ship

It was an extremely rough journey. More than two weeks of stormy weather. The ship in which St. Paul was being taken as a prisoner to Rome was in danger of being wrecked. As certain inmates of this ship tried to escape in a life-boat, Paul cried out, "Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved."

Trusting the words of this man of God the centurion commanded that the life-boat be cut and set adrift. All 276 souls remained aboard the ship resting on a promise made to Paul by God. In their wisdom they thought that even as the 276 were preserved, the ship too would be preserved. But God's ways are not man's ways.

The ship ran aground and the hinder part was broken up. The fore part was stuck and immovable. After the promise of safety, the ship was wrecked. The centurion commanded that those who could swim to swim across to the island nearby while the rest were to use boards and broken pieces of the ship to reach dry land. In this way all 276 souls went safely to land but the ship had been floundered.

What was the purpose of God in permitting the ship to be broken, destroyed? God had this island upon His mind even as He had revealed it to Paul. God wanted to manifest His love and power in this place. But why had the ship to be broken? The goal was Rome and a new ship that could challenge the rough weather was needed. If the ship had not been wrecked, there may have been constant patching-up until the ship was too dangerous to travel in. God's ways are ways of wisdom and so different from ours.

This ship signifies the plans we think of for God's will to be worked out in our lives. We begin to love our ship even more than our lives. We fast and pray for the preservation of it. But remember, in God's eyes we are more valuable than our ship - our pet schemes which we think will enable us to fulfil God's will in our lives. Our walk with the Lord is of more importance to Him

than our works for Him. So when He sees our works for Him are hindering our walk, our fellowship with Him, He will permit failures and disappointments in our human endeavours. But if we do the ministry according to his will and by His grace, we won't need to face the agony of defeat. So let us take heed lest He sends a storm to break our ship and we find only the deep blue sea below us. Then we will have to reach the shore on drift wood.

God's ways may seem cruel and strange. At such times there may be no visible signs of His presence with us but underneath are the everlasting arms. He can protect us in the storm. His mighty arm will use anything to carry out His eternal plan in our lives. Let us bear in mind that we belong to God and that He is our Master. When we are rooted and grounded in this assurance, and joyfully accept the breaking of our ideals, God will not only save us, He will save others through us.

*When I cannot understand my Father's leading,
And it seems to be but hard and cruel fate,
Still I hear the gentle whisper ever pleading,
God is breaking, God is faithful, ONLY WAIT.*

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage

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(Testimony - continued from page 11)

The Lord has enabled me to experience divine healing in my life and also in the life of my children. In the year 2001, my son fell ill with Dengue. Patches of blood clots appeared all over his body. He lost consciousness and was nigh unto death.

The servants of God took my son to the Faith Home. Tirelessly they nursed him. Sacrificing even their sleep, they wrestled through in prayer and preserved the life of my child.

Praise God for "by His stripes we are healed!"

- Priyangani Fernando
(Ragama)

For Kids

JESUS

- MEEK AND LOWLY

One time some soldiers were building a fort and were having a hard time lifting a log into its place. "Heave away! Heave ho!" shouted their leader, who was a corporal. He shouted at them, but he did not help them.

A man on horseback came along, jumped off his horse, and helped the soldiers. Then he turned to the leader and said, "Why didn't you help them?"

"I?" said the man. "I am a corporal!" He was too proud to do such work. He was too proud to help his men.

Do you know what the rider said as he swung on his horse and rode away? He said to the corporal, "The next time you need help on any work you are too proud to do, call George Washington." The corporal almost fainted. Now he knew who the man was. He was the general in charge of all the soldiers.

Do you think that Jesus would have helped the men, or would He have been too proud to help, like the corporal? Jesus wasn't too proud to do anything that needed to be done to help us. He wasn't too proud to become a baby. He wasn't too proud to help His parents. He wasn't too proud to go to school. He wasn't too proud to work.

Even though Jesus is God, He wasn't too proud to suffer and die for us. He was not ashamed to have poor people as His friends, not even when other people called them sinners. He loves all of us even though He is great and good and we are nothing.

That's something we can learn from Him. "Learn of Me," Jesus said, "for I am meek and lowly in heart." To be meek means to be submissive or obedient. To be lowly means to be humble and not proud. When we love Jesus, He will help us to be obedient and humble.

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(Activity on page 5 - Answers): Jacob / Job / Daniel / Ruth /
Peter / Bride of Christ / Jesus

Devotional

SUBDUED!

Before God can launch us out into the breadth and sweetness of His service and entrust to us great things for Himself, we must be perfectly subdued. We must be subdued in every part of our nature, subdued to His will and the disposition of His mind. We must be subdued in our hearts, in our wills, in our words, in our tempers, in our manners: subdued through and through so thoroughly that we will be flexible to all His purposes and plans. We must be so subdued that harshness, severity, criticism, sluggishness, laziness, impetuosity and always wanting our own way – even in religious matters – must be subdued out of us.

We must be subdued not merely in our own opinion, not merely think ourselves subdued, not only be subdued in the esteem of our friends and fellow-workers but subdued so perfectly that the all-seeing eye of God can look us through and the Omniscient One knows that we are subdued. God must first conquer the man He can entrust with His great thoughts and plans.

The Holy Ghost must saturate us with a divine conquest before He can use us to conquer other souls. The Lord will begin to subdue us with gentle means, and if we sink lovingly and promptly into His mind, the work will be done. But if we have flint or iron in our nature and it is found necessary, He will use heroic means and put us between milestones and grind us to powder until He can mould us without any resistance to His purpose. The greatest difficulty the Lord finds when using His servants, even His zealous and oftentimes sanctified servants, is that they are not perfectly, universally and constantly subdued under the power of God.

We must be so subdued as to stop meddling with other people's matters that God has not entrusted us with. So subdued as not to be calling God's servants hard names and lashing out at Christians who are doing what they can for their Master. So subdued that we can hold our tongues and walk softly with God. So subdued that we can keep our eyes on Jesus and attend to our

own work. So subdued to do God's will we do it promptly and lovingly, that we are glad to have a place in His kingdom and to do at least a little service for Him.

Oh! It is grand to be absolutely conquered by the Holy Ghost and swing out a thousand miles from everybody and everything into the ocean of God's presence. It is marvellous to work with Him in humility, without stumbling over others, without religious peevishness and bend with every plan God gives us.

When we are subdued in the sight of God, He will work miracles in us and we will be able to experience His power in healing, in finance, in service, in gentleness and sweetness of the inner man. The magnitude of what God has wrought in us, the miracles of His grace will astonish us, surprise our friends and amaze our enemies. Therefore let us get subdued in every way, in everything; so subdued that we can keep still in God and see Him work out the great thoughts of His eternal mind in our lives.

SUBMISSION:

Giving up your rights trusting in God.



(Continued from back cover)

*When in order to be right with my God it is necessary to take the humbling path of confession and restitution and I remember that Jesus "made Himself of no reputation.... and humbled Himself unto death, even the death of the cross," (Phil. 2:8) and I bow my head and readily accept the shame of exposure - **This is brokenness.***

*When one acts towards me in an unforgivable way, and I remember that when He was crucified, Jesus prayed, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do," (Lk. 23:34) and I bow my head and accept any behaviour towards me as permitted by my loving Father - **This is brokenness.***

*When people expect the impossible of me and more than time or human strength can give, and I remember that Jesus said, "This is My body which is broken for you," (Lk. 22:19) and I repent of my indulgence and lack of self-giving for others - **This is brokenness.***

Testimony

His Body was Broken,

That mine could be healed!

I was born to God-fearing parents who brought me up in a godly atmosphere. Although I had learnt about God and knew about Him, I did not truly know Him, neither had I experienced Him in my life.

At the age of thirteen, a growth appeared on my chest. As a result of medical treatment I was cured. But thereafter, swellings which took on the appearance of knots would often appear on my chest. The treatment I underwent caused me much pain.

Finally the specialist who attended on me said that this growth was cancerous. This verdict of death shattered me. The diagnosis caused in me a fear of death because I did not know what lay in wait for me beyond the grave.

I got married at the age of seventeen and had two children. By the time I reached the age of twenty, I had lost all interest in life. I could not see any purpose in continuing to live. I would constantly contemplate death.

At this point an evangelist visited my home with the good news of the Gospel. "If there truly was a living God, why should such a thing take place in my life?", I cried to him. Yet I received grace to listen to his words about God's love and mercy. My heart broke and I began to cry. That night I met the Lord in a dream and gave my wounded, broken heart to Him.

The Lord invited me to the convention which was being held in Mattakkuliya at that time. As I entered the hall a tarrying meeting (a meeting in which the people of God are given an opportunity to be filled with the anointing, pray in the Spirit and wait upon God) was being conducted. It was the first time that I had seen anything like this, but the Lord mercifully filled me with the power of the Holy Ghost - with the evidence of speaking in tongues - at this instance. This same anointing also healed me of cancer.

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EMPTIED FROM VESSEL TO VESSEL

"He has also been undisturbed on his lees neither has he been emptied from vessel to vessel therefore he retains his flavour, and his aroma has not changed." (Jeremiah.48:11)

The words 'vessel to vessel' are so suggestive. The figure has to do with wine making. It speaks of one of the methods used in producing a clear, rich, well-refined wine. The wine is poured into a vessel and allowed to stand for a certain length of time under different circumstances – perhaps of heat, cold, light or darkness. Then it is poured into another vessel. Each time there is a settling of sediments and dregs which remain in the vessel as the wine-maker carefully pours the precious liquid into still another vessel.

This process is repeated until the wine is perfectly refined, yielding a freshness of scent and fragrance that is very pleasing to the maker. This cannot take place if the wine is allowed to stand only in one vessel all the time, for then it will remain 'undisturbed on its lees' and will be scented with the essence of the dregs and thus lose its proper colour and value.

Doesn't this parable speak to us? God is a Master-Trainer and has us in training. After we are saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit desires to lead us step by step (vessel by vessel) into maturity. With wills yielded and spirits mellowed and broken, we shall then become wine that is well refined. Thus God conforms us to the image of His Son.

The vessels into which the Lord pours us are the various trials, the unique arrangement of circumstances, peculiar conditions, unexplainable leadings, tests in relation to healing and the general array of experiences common in the life of a dedicated Christian.

The Vessel of Misunderstanding

This vessel has a different colour from the wine, and as the wine is poured into it, it assumes the colour of the vessel. People judge the wine by the colour of the glass and at once label the wine as 'off-colour'. Then an endless course of reasons are guessed at as to why such rich-looking wine took on such an unusual shade. Of course, the wine itself is all the time conscious that others are passing such remarks and has a prayerful

time getting settled. For the wine has to become absolutely still ('to come to rest') and stand long enough for the sediment to settle and cling to the bottom of the vessel. Many delay this by constantly keeping the wine in motion, trying to explain the fact that it is really all right and that it is only the glass that is coloured. Thus it takes longer for the dregs to settle. But once the work is done, the Maker carefully pours the wine out into another vessel. Left behind are the dregs of self-vindication and a few other shreds of the self-life.

The Vessel of Public Gaze

The new vessel into which the wine is poured is a large, round, open one - gray and ugly. At first the wine shrinks inwardly, for the vessel seems so unusual and so uninviting. It is so flat and open that all can see every part of the wine. This is when God allows us to experience public humiliation and weakness. The wine cannot gather itself up and appear in any other shape than the shape of the vessel. It must spread out flat and be open to public judgment and criticism. The difficult light of public exposure, the confusion and the scores of remarks concerning 'the fall' (as it seems to people), work a miracle in the wine itself. It becomes quiet, yielded and silent. As it is emptied from this vessel, left behind are the dregs of pride and self-preservation.

The Vessel of Long, Dark Trial

The next vessel is made of clay. It is not transparent and can reflect no light. It is tall and has a long, narrow neck. The wine has some difficulty getting settled due to the darkness within the vessel. It wonders whether it should be in this vessel. At last it yields and fills the vessel quietly. Here it stands for hours, days and even months in shadow and darkness. This is the type of trial in which God lets us alone to prove us even in shadow and darkness. It works wonders in the wine. When it is finally emptied out, it gleams with faith - tried and tested. Left behind are the dregs of impatience, questioning and unbelief.

The Vessel of Strange Guidance

The next vessel is of a most peculiar shape - full of bulges, angles, corners, dents and ridges. The wine has a hard time in finding its way into all the odd nooks and corners. God's ways are not our ways. He does not explain to the public as to why He leads His children in strange ways. It is certainly a death to the flesh not to be able to explain to others how God is leading us. I am glad that we do not have to know why God does everything nor do we have to explain to the public why we were led in a certain way.

As soon as the wine is settled and the lesson learned, the gentle hand of the Maker takes it out of the vessel and it gleams and sparkles with fresh yieldedness and obedience. Left behind are dregs of distrust and fear.

The Vessel of Everybody Else's Fault

Here is another vessel which the wine would not have chosen of itself. It consists of the complex arrangement of circumstances into which we are thrust when we are truly not to blame at all for the situation. It is an awkward place to be. People fail to do their duty, or forget, or some one is not broken and yielded, or another refuses to come or go as he should etc. Before we realise it, we are involved in a predicament quite to our disapproval. To be dragged into a situation with which we had nothing to do and for which we are not at all to blame, is real death to the flesh. But it was God who made the vessel (Rom 8:28) and He only requires that you yield and be still as He pours you into it.

We cannot take time to speak of the many, many vessels so different in character. Let us now turn to another phase of truth given here.

Our Reactions

How should the wine act when being poured? First, we may be poured but with an unbroken spirit. The will is surrendered and the pouring continues, but the person keeps rigid and unbroken in spirit. He has truly surrendered to God's will and may even die doing the will of God - and yet utterly fail in that he is not broken in spirit. Thus the object of the pouring is lost. O, let us break in spirit, and then when we are poured, there will be less agony, pain and distress, for we will melt with grace and fill each vessel quickly.

Another way is to yield to the pouring and find ourselves filling a number of different vessels and yet as we do so we just endure it, and quietly hidden away in our spirit there is a sulking attitude. We go through the trials, but the entire time saying faintly in our hearts, "Yes, Lord, I will go through, but all the same I don't think it is quite fair, for you could have made it easier", etc.

The third way (the right way) is to surrender in will and also to be broken in spirit and heart. This is so pleasing to God. As we break in spirit, we lose our stubborn ways; our natural spirit gives way and we become pliable and run easily into the most intricate parts of each vessel. Here we are truly able to say, 'sweet will of God', 'I delight to do Thy will O God'.

Now, a word as to the reason for all this pouring and emptying. Surely God does not thrust us into such trying places to mock us. His aim is to produce a broken, yielded spirit.

The second reason for pouring us out is to keep us from settling on our lees. There is such a tendency in life to want it easy. We dislike disturbances and having to do things differently from the way we have for forty years.

Another reason is to broaden us in sympathy and understanding with each other. The one who has had but little trouble in life is not a particularly helpful person. But one who has gone through a hundred and one trials, experiences, deaths, blasted hopes, shocks, and a tragedy or two and has learnt his lesson - "who because of practice have their senses trained" - such a person is worth something. He is able to look beyond the frailty of the flesh and remembering that we are but dust, trust God with a great faith for victory and power. Do not be afraid of the process. Nothing can equip us to serve needy humanity better than to break in spirit and heart.

When we consider our adorable Bridegroom, we not only find in Him a yielded will, but also a broken heart and spirit. He became weak and broken until His life was poured out 'Crucified through weakness' is the Word. And this was the mighty God! What brokenness! Do we desire fellowship with Him? Then we too must be broken in spirit. God is getting His people more loosened from the earth than ever before and making them yielded and broken - ready for being raptured to glory. Do you want to be earth-bound and 'settled on your lees'? If not, let us yield quickly and learn our lessons. He is coming soon but He cannot rapture unbroken spirits.

In closing, we could consider how we may be poured more gracefully; how we may break and become the desired wine. First of all, I think, we must see God. He is the maker of all the vessels. He does the pouring and we are His wine. We must then depend on the Holy Spirit, who has now been given to us instead of the old, set, unyielding spirit of the natural. As we yield and break in our spirit, the Holy Spirit becomes all we need. Some day the last vessel will be filled and the last pouring finished. The Lord is particular to have His wine refined even to the last degree. May it please His heart to find us then, choice wine, rich, sparkling and well refined, because by His grace we joyfully accepted being emptied from vessel to vessel.

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*Ever Thought Why?***THE BROKEN BOX**

As Jesus sat in the house of Simon the leper, Mary of Bethany brought an alabaster box containing an ointment of spikenard. Both the box and the ointment were very expensive. When she found an opportunity to anoint the feet of Jesus, she broke this priceless box and bathed His feet with its priceless contents.

Instead of breaking this alabaster box could Mary not have just removed its lid and poured out its contents? *Ever thought why?*

In breaking this box, Mary made sure that every drop of this ointment was used in anointing Jesus. If she had attempted to preserve the box there would have been a chance that some of the spikenard would still be clinging to the corners of the container and escape being poured out.

The breaking of the box also made sure that even if a thought of self-indulgence troubled her while she was pouring out the ointment, she would be unable to preserve some of it for her personal use.

So it was only when Mary broke her beautiful box made of alabaster, rendering it henceforth useless, that the ointment soothed the aching feet of Jesus and its fragrance blessed the heart of the occupants of that house. In the same manner, it is only when we willingly yield to the breaking of everything precious to us – be it our free will, ideals, reputation, affections, health or wealth – we can totally and completely pour out our very best, our entire life at the feet of Jesus. It is only then can we satisfy the heart of Jesus and the whole world be blessed through us.



Deep tenderness of spirit can never be known except through great suffering. Nothing but the winepress of sorrow can yield it. No matter what shape the trial may be, whether it is an unutterable sorrow for sin, extreme poverty, great physical pain, relentless persecution, loneliness or the wear and tare of a thousand daily annoyances, they all constitute this winepress.

We are not broken and dead to self all at once. We have to die daily. All the day long the choice will be before us in a thousand ways. It will mean no plan, no time, no money and no pleasure of our own. It will also mean constant yielding to those around us. Everyone who tries us and vexes us is God's way of breaking our self so that there is a yet deeper channel in us for the life of Christ.

MINISTRY - Ministers of the Gospel cannot have any inheritance in the world. The Levites had no inheritance. Because, they bear the ark of the Lord (Deut : 10:8-9) Christ said " whosoever forsaketh not his all cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14 :33) The purpose for such a consecration is clearly set forth in Lk 12:33-34. This ideal is imperative for ministers of the Gospel (See Matt. 8: 19-20).(Matt 19:21) see also (2 Tim:2:4).

NO DIVORCE -Marriage is binding for life. Under the Law of Christ there is but one cause for separation - adultery- and a person has no right to marry again while the first companion lives. Matt 5 :31-32, Matt19:9, Rom:7:3.

SECOND ADVENT OF CHRIST - The return of our Lord is just as literal as His going away. (Act 1:9-11) It is in three parts.

FIRST- He will descend to the air, to catch away His waiting Bride, the perfect in Christ.(Col: 1:28; 1Thes 4:15-18; Rev. 12:5-6) This is called the rapture of the first-fruits.(Rom:8 :23). He will appear only to those who "eagerly wait for Him". (Heb: 9:28).

SECOND- The catching up of those who remain faithful unto death in the great tribulation. This is called the harvest- (Rev:14:14 -18; 7: 9-14 Matt: 24: 29 -31).

THIRD - Revelation. He will come to the earth to be seen of every eye (Rev.1:7) to establish His kingdom on the earth, and execute judgment on the ungodly. (Zech 14 : 4, 5; 2 Thes 7:10).

MILLENNIUM - Is the 1000 years reign of the Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints on the earth which would be renewed and restored. During this time the devil will be bound .(Rev 20:2-4).

GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT - The general resurrection will take place after the Millennium, when God shall judge the quick and the dead according to their works. Rev 20:11-15; Act 10:42.

NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH - At the end of the Millennium, this heaven and earth shall pass away, and God shall usher in a new heaven and a new earth (Rev 21:1-3). There shall be no death (vs.4) or curse there (vs 3).

NEW JERUSALEM AND ZION - The New Testament saints who have attained the Christ like perfection and lived an overcoming life will inherit New Jerusalem. (Rev: 21:2). The servants of God who have lived a consecrated life and done the perfect will of God will inherit Zion. (Rev:14:1-5)

ETERNAL HEAVEN AND ETERNAL HELL - The righteous go into everlasting life and the wicked to everlasting punishment. The punishment of hell will be of the same duration as the bliss of heaven. Matt: 25:45; Rev: 14 :10 -14; Matt. 13: 42.

THIS IS BROKENNESS

Sometimes it is asked what we mean by "brokenness". Brokenness is not easy to define but can clearly be seen in the reaction of Jesus; specially as He approached the cross and His crucifixion. It also can be personally applied this way:

*When to do the will of God means that even my Christian brethren will not understand and I remember that "neither did His brethren believe in Him," (Jn.7:5) and I bow my head to obey and accept the misunderstanding - **This is brokenness.***

*When I am misrepresented or deliberately misinterpreted and I remember that Jesus was falsely accused but "He held His peace", and I bow my head to accept the accusation without trying to justify myself - **This is brokenness.***

*When another is preferred before me and I am deliberately passed over, and I remember that they cried, "Away with this man, release unto us Barabbas," and I bow my head and accept the rejection - **This is brokenness.***

*When my plans are brushed aside and I see the work of years brought to ruins by the ambition of others and I remember that Jesus allowed them to lead Him away to be crucified (Matt. 24:31) and He accepted the place of failure, and I bow my head and accept the injustice without bitterness - **This is brokenness.***

*When others take unfair advantage of my being a Christian and treat my belongings as public property and I remember that they "stripped Him" and "parted His garments, casting lots" (Matt. 27:28, 35) and I bow my head and accept joyfully the spoiling of my good for His sake - **This is brokenness.***

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