



Sunday Morning Prayer September 6, 2020

The Donkey In The Well

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When I was a senior in high school, I went on my first mission trip. We drove deep into the heart of Mexico. At one point, we turned off the road into a dry creek bed. We drove down that creek bed for about twenty minutes and then we arrived in a small village to build a church. The people seemed to come out of nowhere to greet us. At one point, they took us to a deep well and told us about how a donkey had fallen in there and died. It took them several days to get it out, but by then the water had been polluted. They had to empty the well so they could get fresh, clean water again. I don't think I'll ever forget that story.

Proverbs 20:5 tells us that wisdom and counsel are deep within us like a well and that people of understanding will be able to draw them out. Then in Luke 6:45, Jesus said that we speak out of the abundance of our heart, meaning the things that are deep inside us come out of our mouth. Then in James 3:12, the author writes, "Is it possible that fresh and bitter water can flow out of the same spring? So neither can a bitter spring produce fresh water" (TPT). He's talking about our words and how we speak. How can we speak words of healing if we are full of bitterness inside? How can we speak life if there our inner well is polluted?

Each one of us have donkeys that fall into our well and die causing our heart to be polluted. The words we speak to others reveal whether we've taken it out and refreshed our well or not. I've learned that we empty our polluted well by confessing our sins, faults and inner struggles to God and to others (James 5:16). We confess them to God for forgiveness and to people for healing. When's the last time you looked deep into the well that you're drawing out of? What kind of water are you giving other people? Take some time today to get alone with God, do some self-examination and get healed so that you can produce fresh, clean water that others can drink from.



TODAY'S PRAYER: Dear Father God,

Thank You for sending Jesus to save me from my sins and from my unrighteousness.

Lord Jesus, teach me about Your Kingdom and how I can live with you, experiencing your Kingdom here, now and for each day to come.

Thank You for planting the good seed of the Holy Spirit within me to keep my soul for You, to guide me, to comfort me and to help me live for You.

Thank You for the good fruit that Your Holy Spirit is growing within me...

*...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering (patience), kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*

Galatians 5:22-23

Please help me to continue to put off my old nature, to reject temptation and to grow in Your Spirit.

Please help me to become more like you, my Lord Jesus, today and everyday.

In Jesus' holy name I pray, Amen.

(Prayer from Prime Time with God Devotional)

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