

Weighed And Found Wanting

“In the same hour came forth fingers of a man’s hand, and wrote over against on the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king’s palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king’s countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him...” (Daniel 5:5,6).

He had never given much thought to his responsibility toward God and man. He probably did not even believe in the supernatural or in judgement after death. He had always tried to make himself happy for he never bothered about what lies beyond the grave.

On this day he was merry as he “drank wine before the thousand”. Then suddenly he saw a vision, television on the wall of his palace! “MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN”. **“Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting”** (Daniel 5:27).

He was troubled!

“The LORD is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed” (1Samuel 2:3).

Mr J was a fine, generous, zealous, good man that everybody loved and appreciated. He served God zealously and had always felt sure of his good standing in the church. One day he had a dream.

An unknown man entered his room carrying a balance, acids, and some instruments. Coming close to him, he said, “How is your service to God?” This question pleased Mr. J much because he considered that his fervent devotion in the service of the Lord would highly recommend him to God and highly favour him in God’s sight. While the man waited, J realized that all his work, zeal and devotion seemed (in the dream) to turn into physical matter. Putting his hand in his breast he found he could take it out. He then handed in over to the unknown visitor.

“An hundred kilograms”, said the man after weighing it carefully. Then he broke it into pieces and he put it in a pot and put a flame to the pot. When it

completely melted, he allowed it cool till it thickened and set. Several layers fell off the congealed solid one after another as the man tapped it with a hammer. Each layer was tested and weighed and the results recorded. When the man completed his work, he gave the paper with the notations to J, and with a sad look of pity he went away.

Analysis of all of Mr. J's work, service and devotion:

Personal ambition	.	..	..	..	22 Kg.
Love of praise	..	..	..	..	15 Kg.
Denominational pride	..	..	..	..	11 Kg.
Pride of talent and achievement	..	..	..	..	10 Kg.
Love of Authority	..	..	..	..	12 Kg.
Love of Money	..	..	..	..	14 Kg.
Selfishness	..	..	..	..	7 Kg.
Worldly pleasure	..	..	..	..	9 Kg.
Love of God	..	..	..	..	0 Kg.
Love of man	..	..	..	..	0 Kg.
					100 Kg.

What will your look like if analysed?

“Weighed and found wanting”! All men outside of Christ are motivated by SELF whatever they do. All works done outside Christ are not done according to God's will, so they are not accepted.

“All your righteousness are as filthy rags”. Will “filthy rags” recommend you to God? Can “filthy rags” be accepted as substitute for the “robe of righteousness”, “the garment of salvation”, “the fine linen, clean and white”?

Throw off your confidence in your “rags” and come to Christ for cleansing and clothing.

Remove such rags as confidence in the error that you can be a Christian from the day you were born just because your parents are Christians and you got dedicated (or even baptized) on the eighth day; you do not become a Christian, a child of God, that way. You need to repent and be converted. That means you should confess all inward and outward sins now such as deceit, bearing false witness, stealing, cruelty, fighting, pride, gossiping, and so on.

Going to church, whatever your denomination, without a change of heart will not save you. If you say you are a Christian and you still commit sin even if it is one lie in five years you'll still go to Hell, be you Pastor, Prophet, Apostle, Bishop or Priest, unless you repent and turn to God. Without a genuine conversion experience that removes sin from your life, you are lost whether or not you perform miracles that heal the sick, or raise the dead. Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin for he keepeth himself and Satan touches him not. (1 John. 5:18.)

Tell God you are now taking a right-about turn: a decision not to ever go back into these sins you have confessed. Believe Him that He's able to keep you from all sin and that since you have now sincerely come to Him, He has accepted you as His child. Old things pass away, all things have become new. Ask and accept pardon from God through Jesus Christ. Ask and receive grace to live in newness of life. DO IT NOW.

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