

1K7:1-11

(1). "What's the Price of a Donkey's Head?"

Intro:- (1). How much give for it? whatever for?

You have own head..trust much better quality..at least as to brains..even if ears not stick out as far. Yet people once bought donkey's heads..at high price! (Bible). Height of ambition was to get head of donkey..bec. that was almost best thing they could do..Real ambition!

(2). What's yours? Right for X'n to be ambitious? Why not? No need be tail-enders in school..business world..and certainly not in spiritual areas. GET WITH IT!

"Got any rivers ^{you think} that are uncrossable? Got any mountains you can't ^{climb} ~~go~~ through? We specialize in the impossible. ^{things that cannot} ~~We do what no one else can do.~~" God not looking for

dopy-heads..droopy dozers...Young men, women with DRIVE. Who really know how to LIVE..and make life mean something.

Start think seriously..right now..about this ques...

WHAT IS MY LIFE WORTH? WHAT SELL IT FOR? WHAT PRICE ON

MY HEAD..BRAINS? WHO WILL BUY? WHAT AMBITION SHD. I HAVE?

WHAT WILL I GET OUT OF IT? ..for that life will be all over sooner than you think!

I. Now let me get you into intriguing Bible story...

(a). In two parts..latter half one chapter..all of next.

Begin read here:- II Kings 6:24. Not easy make that relevant..bec. exper. so little of any ~~lack~~ whatsoever.

Any of you ever gone without meal bec. no food available?

Out of our realm. YET TRY THINK ABOUT IT. Illus:- 1st

world war..and again 2nd one..for critical time Britain

stood alone..last bastion of freedom in Europe. German

forces..under Kaiser Wilhelm..then Hitler..knew they had

to bring Britain to knees before know victory. Tried to

subdue by bombing raids..Zeppelins..Planes..Battle of

Britain.."Never was so much owed to so few (by so many)"

Failed. But 2nd assault almost succeeded..Submarine war..

to STARVE British Isles. SIEGE! I was there 1st time.

Bicycle to find food... $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. butter for 5..for 2 wks.

(b). Yet nothing like what happened at Samaria. Look:-

that was when donkeys heads were sold..vs. 25. One for

about \$51.70 (pre-inflation..what now??) Cab of dove's

dung. Not what might think. If any dove's ever landed

in that city..necks wrung and into pot long bef. this.

Colloquial expression..rather crude..for chick peas..or

~~rock~~ ~~rock~~ bulbous root of certain plants. Arabs use similar expression today. Bit of vegetable food.. $\frac{1}{2}$ pint for \$3.25

(c). But far worse to come..vs. 26-29. Donkey's heads gone..chick peas eaten..Famine so terrible that this....

Battle of Britain
of Atlantic
Imperial
Baptist
note?

1/2
Pope's
note

Horrible story! Two women eating SON of one of them..
"Next" day..(word means "to loiter..another day")..some time
later..after first dreadful meal of human flesh digested..
wanted eat other SON. How old a son? Does not say "baby..
child"..Word is Heb. "Ben"..from root "to build"..meaning "son"
as builder of family name. Could well have been after reached
Bar Mitzvah..son of law..prob. your age. Pride of family
..hope for future..center of ambition..**JUST LIKE YOU!**

(e). **LET ME ASK THIS.** In time like that..what was that SON
worth? No price given..no compar. with ass's head..chick peas.
UTTERLY BEYOND COMPUTATION..Hope of Israel! Per. another
Abraham..Moses..Joshua..David..Elijah...or the coming Daniel...
What is a son..daughter worth in evil days..when enemy presses?
What are YOU worth right now..in our difficult days?

What worth to God? Gehal.

II. How much? What ambitions centered in you..your life?

(a). What has God got in mind? Is it same as in your mind?
AND RIGHT HERE I FEEL Y.R. FALL INTO UNFORTUNATE ATTITUDE.

X'n Y.P. that is. Hang a "**Do not disturb**" sign on door of life.

"Peace perfect peace..Quiet..man at work, sleeping."

So often look at life..X'n life..decide too tough.. and opt out.

"school riddled with drug users..pushers...How be X'n in

business these days? Never succeed unless cheat..false admt..

I'll just drift along..until pop into heaven..say Howdy to God

I'm not up to much anyway..Let world eat me up, devour my life,
my time. No better than donkey's head anyway".

(b). **WAIT! READ ON..FINISH THE STORY!** How did deliverance
come to besieged Samaria? Through four lepers..sitting in the
gate..waiting to die. Useless? 7:3. **BUT..SOMEHOW AMBITION**

STIRRED. Per. born of desperation..but they moved. vs.4 and

then first part vs. 5 "They rose up in the **TWILIGHT.**" Look:-

Day was nearly done.. **SO IS OURS.** Shadows of prophesied

events falling fast across world. Scientists..ecologists are

joining Bible chorus. "**TIME IS RUNNING OUT**". Can we last until

2,000 AD? Human affairs have about had it. **THIS IS TWILIGHT!**

Time to **RISE UP AND MOVE!**

(c). Story well known. Those 4 "not up to much" men found enemy
had fled..and helped themselves to abundance left behind.

God rewards the ambition He gives and uses..when men respond...

NOW LOOK AT TIME ELEMENTS..1. Twilight..day nearly gone..

like today. vs. 9 Morning light coming..as it is for us..

when Jesus comes back. In meantime..vs.12 Night is coming for

evil world. Tribulation. wrath of God. **SO..HOW WILL WE SPEND**

THE TWILIGHT? with night coming on..and day beyond it?

What is a **LIFE** worth today? Yours? What **AMBITION** HAVE YOU?

You are no donkey's head..A MAN..WOMAN..GOD'S MEN, WOMEN.

Conclus:- 1. Other day I read this title over some article
"GIVE UP YOUR SMALL AMBITIONS."

How about that? Got any? Small..or large as God's plan?

How will you use life? As though had donkey-head?

Eat, drink, gather bundle of hay..die and leave it all? ②

God talks about ambition. One word used three times

in N.T..translated "study..labour..strive." Literal

meaning is "fond of honour, earnest, eager to do something

Here they are: I Thess 4:11. "Study to be quiet"..to be

peaceable, steady, keeping your seat, fulfilling task,

reliable. Make that ambition so that God can count on you

II Cor. 5:9 "Labour to be accepted of God." To be fully

agreeable with God..well pleasing to Him. That's real,
inner character.

Rom. 15:20 "Strive to preach"..To announce the good news.
That's service for God.

2. Those things form X'n ambition. Will you set your
life this way? Living, growing, serving..for God? Saviour
Set Him on throne of life. Make Him Lord of all!

He loves -
values +
purchased.

③ What life worth? Yours?

How are - used? - Which way walk? - With world - for self

How not - values? - Jesus way? - Jesus people?

Life given to walk with Him - ev day? "It's free"

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