

Leaking Vessels

FOR MY PEOPLE HAVE COMMITTED TWO EVILS, THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATERS AND HEWED THEM OUT CISTERNS, BROKEN CISTERNS THAT CAN HOLD NO WATER. JEREMIAH 2:13

Not only Jeremiah weeps and laments in this book but he accurately captures the lamenting heart of the Father God towards His own creation. Strange it may seem but it is so true. The Creator of all lamenting the loss of love of His own! *Jeremiah* is a wonderful book where God talks to Jeremiah as His best friend. God confides the pain of His heart to Jeremiah.

The Big Question is "Can I hurt God, Can God hurt because of me?" The answer is a big yes. The child turning away from the Father surely breaks the heart. A wife deserting her loving husband for another man will surely stab the spear of pain deep into the heart of the husband. This is how God describes His pain, He exclaims with astonishment, "Has a nation ever changed its gods?(Yet they are not gods

at all) But my people have exchanged their Glory for worthless gods.”(211); “Does a maiden forget her jewellery, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number.” (2,32). Our God even keeps count of the days we forgot to speak to Him.

But again why do I forget God. Do I need a Sunday worship to connect to Him? Why do we jump and praise in worship in Church but on Mondays we become one among the others? Is the anointing of God not powerful enough to make me keep worshipping all through the week.? Yet again our Creator God diagnoses our problem, that our vessels are leaking. We may not have forsaken the fountain of living waters, that is the fullness of the Holy Spirit, but our vessels are cracked.

On Easter Sunday I was part of one of the glorious baptism services in a small tribal church near my home in Madurai. Their Church and home does not have running water, they usually carry water from a tank nearby. But this morning he filled the baptism tank with a water lorry. My friend was to be baptized and Pastor asked us to come at 9

am. But he made a call to me at 8.15 asking whether we could come immediately since the tank developed a leak and water was already flowing out. My friend and me rushed and there were four other people waiting. As soon as we reached he spoke a few minutes and we all rushed to the tank. All of us were so amused. Two little fellows were trying to plug the leak and girls were pouring in pots of water to compensate the loss. I was watching, praying, laughing. And mercifully there was enough water till all were fully baptized.

It is ok if there is a leak in the baptism tank but what if the leak is always in my heart. This is the reason why many of long year believers are still so sterile in God's vineyard. There is a leak which needs to be fixed. This could only be done by the Master Fixer. He alone can mend our heart. It has always been a tough question for me personally that why we so easily walk out on God and run flapping our hands behind this world, when all it could reward us is misery and hate. This is my prayer too. That the Lord who baptized us with His Holy Spirit also plug the holes of our heart, that He drives always that spirit of vengeance, the spirit of manipulation, the

spirit of complacency and so many other holes. Let us lift our faithless leaking hearts to the Master Creator. He is able to give us a brand new heart(Ezekiel 36,26) which can always and everyday be filled with living waters and be always flowing out and touching lives and changing nations.

Dear Lord, give us a heart full of praise and worship even during the valley of tears and in the mountains of joy. Lord may you rejoice over our worship than lament. Make us new hearts that will always hold your love, joy, peace, comfort and healing and make it flow to the nations. Let your river flow from our hearts. Rejoice over our lives Lord. Lord let us not make you sad or lament. Help us to make you glad. In Jesus precious name. Amen.

WHERE THE RIVER FLOWS EVERYTHING WILL LIVE. FISHERMEN WILL STAND ALONG THE SHORE...FRUIT TREES OF EVERY KIND WILL GROW ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER. THEIR LEAVES WILL NOT WITHER NOR WILL THEIR FRUIT FAIL. EVERY MONTH THEY WILL BEAR BECAUSE THE WATER FROM THE SANCTUARY FLOWS TO THEM. THEIR FRUIT WILL SERVE FOR FOOD AND THEIR LEAVES FOR HEALING. EZEKIEL 47:9-12.