

Apples of Gold

Zvi Kalisher's life-changing spiritual conversations

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A SHEEP AMONG WOLVES

One day recently, I prayed before going out to witness about Jesus Christ, having no specific destination in mind. I got off the bus in Jerusalem and landed in front of Yad Le 'Ahim. This group fights against those who believe in Christ.

I remembered it was to places like this our Lord said, "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Mt. 10:16). This verse encouraged me, and without an invitation, I walked inside this anti-missionary organization.

A man approached me and asked if he could be of help. I replied, "I saw your sign proclaiming 'Yad Le 'Ahim!' [Hand to a Brother!]; so I came in to learn how you can help me, your brother."

The man explained their purpose: "We extend our hands to rescue our brothers who have fallen into the trap of the apostates, people who want to poison them and capture their souls."

I responded, "I did not know people could die from this 'poison.' I have never read of someone dying from reading the Bible."

Everyone in the office looked at me, and the gentleman to whom I was speaking asked, now in an unpleasant tone, "How do you know those apostates believe in the Bible? Are you one of them?"

“I am!” I replied. “I serve God and my country by telling people how they can know the Lord, our Savior, and be faithful to Him according to the Law. Leviticus 19:14 says, ‘You shall not put a stumbling block before the blind.’ This is what you are doing—trapping the blind in darkness!”

By now, the entire staff had gathered around me. Then the man to whom I was speaking said, “We have concluded you are one of those dangerous ones bringing spiritual poison to the new Russian immigrants. How can you have the chutzpah to try to brainwash us also?”

I replied, “I only want to show you that you do not have to work so hard. We are not dangerous, and we are not trying to brainwash the Russian immigrants. You go to them with your commentaries, but I show them the Bible. Through this Book they can learn who their God is, who their Savior is, and how they can prepare themselves to meet Him one day.”

The man angrily responded, “Do you tell them they must believe in this man Jesus? Do you tell them by believing in Him they will be saved?”

“There, you have said it yourself,” I responded. “It is in the Bible, which you have studied very carefully. Your saying that people can read about Jesus in the Bible is a great blessing to my heart, because I have believed this truth for many years.” That statement ignited a fire.

He shouted, “How can you say that? Are you not ashamed?”

“No, my dear,” I replied.

“Stop calling me ‘my dear.’ We are not your dears,” he said.

I then read Isaiah 50:7, “For the Lord God will help me; I will not be disgraced; and I know I will not be ashamed.” I told him, “I know in whom I have believed, and I am not ashamed.”

“Do you also kneel before this man?” he asked.

“Of course,” I replied. “Daniel knelt three times a day and prayed to God. Can I do any less? I am not like you—going to people with warnings. Instead, I go to them with the love of God. I know you hate me, but I love you because the Lord instructed us in Leviticus 19:18 to ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’ You are my neighbor, and so I love you.”

Shortly thereafter, our conversation ended, and I left them to ponder the things I had told them. I hope to have further contact with them and pray that one day they will see the light found in the Lord Jesus Christ.