

Apples of Gold

Zvi Kalisher's life-changing spiritual conversations

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AROUND THE CORNER

One recent morning, I went to a market in Jerusalem, and I saw a long line of people in front of one of the stores. When I asked what was being sold, someone cautiously whispered, "A great righteous man is coming here. He can help people solve their problems, and he has performed many miracles."

I asked, "How much do you have to pay for such a miracle?"

He replied, "Only 280 shekels."

I asked, "Who gave him the power to do the work of the devil?"

The man was surprised at my question, then dashed off, shouting, "Wait here. I will be back!"

He returned with two overly confident men. One of them fired off a series of questions: "What do you want? Why do you care what is happening here?"

I answered, "If I say nothing, I will be guilty. Ezekiel 33:8 says, '[If] you do not warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.' This is my obligation before God and man."

After a long discussion, one of the men asked, "Do you want us to close

this place and send everyone home on your orders?”

“No, my friend,” I replied. “I have read to you the orders of God Himself. I am just His insignificant servant.” I then read the continuation of the command in Ezekiel: “Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul” (v. 9). They listened carefully, but I could tell they wanted me to leave.

One said, “Because you read from the Bible, we know you are a Christian. If you do not leave this place quietly, things will not go well for you!”

But I was not afraid. I continued to warn others waiting in line. I told them about false teachers and read Jeremiah 23:25: “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name.” I told them, “This man is prophesying lies in God’s name. If you accept his false teaching, you will not only pay with your money, you will also pay with your lives and your souls. Matthew 7:15 says, ‘Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.’ I am warning you because I love you.”

Some said they were there because they had many troubles. I told them, “We are not living in a paradise on this earth, and we never will; however, the Lord is preparing a paradise for us when we leave this earth. But we will never get there by asking wicked people, like the one coming here today, to bless us. To enter God’s paradise, we must come to Him as He has prescribed in His Word. God alone can give us true blessings and solutions to our problems.”

Some of the people were uncertain about me. No doubt they suspected I was a Christian.

One man asked, “Are you a Jew?”

I replied, "I am, but we have only one God, and He does not care about nationalities. He is concerned with people's hearts and worship. I am not trying to hide anything; I believe in the Lord Jesus as my Messiah and Savior, and therefore I have to warn you against following false teachers, like the one you are waiting to see now."

Many accepted my witness graciously, and some even left the line to speak further with me about the Lord. At the end of our conversation, I gave them New Testaments. I pray they will recall our conversation, read the New Testament, and come to the knowledge of the truth. Then they will not need to seek out false teachers; they will be able to take everything to the Lord, "who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).