

Apples of Gold

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DIVINE JUSTICE

Here in Israel, believers experience much discrimination. We are reminded of what the Lord endured when He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

My children do very well in school. Two of them were chosen, because of their scholastic achievements, to travel as part of a group to Europe. Their teacher promised them they would be able to go and told them to prepare for the trip.

My children were thrilled for this wonderful opportunity. Every day when I returned from work, they would greet me with great joy. But today when I returned home, I noticed something was wrong. They were unhappy.

"What has happened?" I asked them.

"Father, we were told we could not go to Europe," one said.

I knew this was discrimination, but I was not surprised. I received the news calmly and said to my children, "Maybe this is God's will. Be strong in spirit and pray. The Lord will make you happy."

I went to the school to inquire about the so-called "justice for all." I went to the office and spoke to the director.

"Before you tell me, I know why you have come," he said. "I like your

children. They are very good students and are well-behaved. It all depended on luck. This time they cannot go, and I am sorry.”

“Do not tell me you are sorry,” I said. “I know my children had a chance, but you do not know divine justice, and you will not until you know the Lord. Then all of this discrimination will change. What has been done against my children is because people have no faith. Without faith, man can do nothing.

“Where is your conscience? I know why you did this—you know we have put our trust in the Lord. Your ‘justice’ is full of hypocrisy.”

“No,” he said, “We are very objective.”

“Is this a display of your objectivity?” I asked. “The Lord Jesus suffered a great deal and was even killed, and He forgave them. Do you think because I am a believer I will not forgive you?”

He asked with surprise, “You are a believer?”

“Yes,” I said, “but let us not play as children. You knew about me. I am positive that because I am a believer you have done this to my children. I want you to know we are not ashamed of our faith in the Lord. No trouble that you cause will take us from Him. My children are proud to suffer for His name. They are also good citizens and will serve in the army of this country. My daughter has just gone into the Israeli army. She will take with her the love of her Savior. You can be sure that forever we will be believers in the Lord. Even when great troubles came our way, we remained in Israel, our country.”

After I finished speaking he asked, “What can I do for you?”

“For me, nothing.” I replied. “What you can do is for yourself, for your

children, and for the pupils in your school. As the director, you can follow the truth which is in the Lord. Do not be a hypocrite and let your mind change like the wind. Be strong in faith, and the Lord will show you what to do, how to give education and equality of rights to the children with no discrimination.”

He said to me, “I am ashamed. I promise you what is passed belongs to the past. It will not happen again in the future.”

He was interested in knowing how I came to the Lord. I was delighted to give him my testimony. No one had ever before told this man about the Lord. This was, for me, more important than all the trips to Europe.