

Apples of Gold

Zvi Kalisher's life-changing spiritual conversations

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WE HAVE THE SAME REDEEMER

I have a 60-year-old uncle who lives in Haifa. When he learned that I had received the Lord as my Savior, he wanted nothing more to do with me. He said, "I do not want to hear any more about you. You no longer belong to our family." This was 20 years ago, and all this time he has been very hostile to me.

One time I went to Haifa to visit my uncle, but when he saw me, he closed the door and said, "Go away. I do not know you!"

I told him, "I have come to see you. How are you feeling? Even after you have mocked me, I do not hate you because the Lord gives me much love, and I am able to give it to others." But he refused to listen to me, so I left.

I was very sad, not because he had rejected me, but because he was in darkness. I knew there was nothing I could do to bring him to the Lord, but I continually remembered him in prayer.

Now, after 20 years, the Lord is answering my prayers. Imagine my surprise just recently when, upon answering a knock at my door, I found my uncle and aunt standing there. (My aunt was even more against me than my uncle after I became a believer. When I visited them in Haifa, she wanted to call the police on me.)

I received them into my home as best friends, forgetting what had been between us. My children played special songs from the Psalms on their

instruments for them. This made them very sad, and they cried. They have no children, and my uncle began to tell me he could not understand why God had given him so many troubles. He said, "You are happy because you have nice children. I have nothing. Now I am sick, and I do not know how long I will be in this world."

I said to him and his wife, "Do you want to be happy and have a good life?"

"Yes," he replied, "even if I have to give away all my money."

I said to him, "The Lord says you were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money."

"How do you know this?" he asked.

"Please take the Bible and read it for yourself," I said.

"What?" he asked. "Do you also, as a Christian, believe in the Bible? How can this be?"

I told him, "We have the same God, the same Redeemer. If you will believe, you will see the salvation of our Lord. What we believe is all written in the Bible!" I then read to him many chapters of the Bible, all showing that the coming again of the Lord is drawing very near.

I said, "Now is the time to receive Him as Savior. Shall we pray in the name of our Savior?"

My son David then opened in prayer. He prayed, "O Lord, our lovely Father, help our uncle to be as happy as we are. Amen."

After this, one by one, we all remembered my uncle in prayer before the Lord. My daughter, Ruth, prayed, "May the Lord turn to them and give them new hearts, and the Holy Spirit come upon them."

After our prayers, my uncle and aunt said “Amen” for the first time! My wife then brought supper to the table and we ate. After supper, my uncle wanted to know how I had come to my faith in the Lord. This was a big surprise to me, and with much joy I gave them a witness for the Lord. They listened quietly, but I do not know their hearts. Only the Lord can save them, and now they are on the way.