

# Apples of Gold

Zvi Kalisher's life-changing spiritual conversations

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## ZVI AND HIS WIFE ARE MIRACULOUSLY SPARED

Miracles do not happen every day; therefore, when they do, we must thank the Lord, who alone has the power to perform them. This past week, my wife and I went to Tel Aviv on an errand. Afterward, my wife said, "It is almost time to catch the bus back to Jerusalem. I want to get home early." "Why do we have to rush?" I asked. "Let us take our time." But I gave in, and we hurried along.

When we arrived at the station, we learned that we had just missed the bus to Jerusalem. Fifteen minutes later, the next bus arrived.

About a half hour after leaving Tel Aviv, we heard that the bus we were hurrying to catch had been attacked by a terrorist. Fifteen people died, and many were seriously injured. As we passed the site of the crash, we saw ambulances and helicopters.

Everyone on our bus was outraged. The man in front of us said, "The minute I get home, I am going to spread pure oil on the mezuzah on my doorpost. We all must do this to thank God for preserving our lives." I said, "I am not sure that is the right thing to do. I will not rush home and spread oil on the mezuzah. Such superstitions cannot comfort anyone. I am praying that the Lord will heal the injured and comfort the families of the dead."

The longer we drove, the more foolish this man's statements became. I told him, "You feel you are right with God, but you are spiritually blind. As it

is written, 'if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch' (Mt. 15:14). Oh, that someone would remove the dust from your eyes."

He became extremely angry and said, "That is enough! I do not believe you are Jewish!"

I assured him I was a Jew, but he responded, "You are not! You talk like the Gentiles." Some of the others agreed and became suspicious. I told them about my love for Israel, my service in Israel's wars, and my children who all have proudly served their country. I then challenged the man to prove he was a better Jew than I.

I said, "We, as the Chosen People of God, should be a light to all nations. But how can we tell other nations, 'If you spread pure oil on your doorpost, you will be cleansed from your sins and find acceptance with God'? That is ridiculous, and the nations would think we were fools.

"Please, think for yourselves," I urged them. "Do not follow the empty faith of false teachers. God told our forefathers, 'You shall not go after the gods of the peoples who are all around you' [Deut. 6:14]. Everything I have said is in our own Hebrew Scriptures. If you open your eyes and read God's Word, rather than books of tradition, you will see what the Lord has done for us and how He wants us to worship Him. As it is written, 'For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; [He] has chosen you for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on Earth' [Dt. 7:6]." We discussed the Lord for the remainder of the ride.

My wife and I praised the Lord for miraculously preserving our lives that day. We prayed fervently for those who were injured and for the families of those who were killed. We prayed for the terrorist who needs to know the Lord Jesus as his Savior. We also prayed for the man on the bus who was so confused about how to properly thank and worship God. We prayed that he and the others will allow the Lord to save their spiritual lives as He

did their physical lives.