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FAMOUS SOUP STORIES IN THE BIBLE

Intro: Do any of you remember the message I preached at our last Children's Sunday. The message was taken from the gift I gave everyone as a Christmas gift. It was the lesson we could learn from the sled..

I in fact have three sleds left over.. If any of you can give me the three lessons we can learn from the sled I will give you one of these sleds.

The Sled reminds me of a Bible verse..

I. REMINDS ME Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

II. THE SLED REMINDS ME OF MOVING FORWARD

III. THE SLED REMINDS ME OF THE 4 SEASONS OF LIFE..

THIS MORNING WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOUP AFTER THE SERVICE.. I WANT TO SHARE A MESSAGE ABOUT THREE FAMOUS SOUP STORIES IN THE BIBLE..

The one boy and one girl who sits up and listens the best will get another sled..

I. THE FAMOUS SOUP STORY ABOUT ESAU AND JACOB

Genesis 25:28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of [his] venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25:29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he [was] faint:

Genesis 25:30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red [pottage]; for I [am] faint: therefore was his name called Edom.

Genesis 25:31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

Genesis 25:32 And Esau said, Behold, I [am] at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

Genesis 25:33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

Genesis 25:34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised [his] birthright.

I. THE FIRST FAMOUS SOUP STORY IN THE BIBLE.. ESAU AND JACOB..

Jacob was making some soup, lentil soup.. which was of a red color..

Jacob was a home body, while Esau was more of a man's man. He liked to hunt.

The Bible says that Isaac loved Esau, because Esau was a good hunter and would bring him venison to eat all the time. but Rebekah loved Jacob. Now Rebekah probably taught Jacob how to make pottage or lentil soup.

So one day he was home practicing his mother's favorite receipt for lentil soup while Esau was out hunting for venison. So he comes in from the field and smells Jacobs soup and asks for some.

Jacob being a wheeler dealer that he was, said, I will give you of my soup only if you sell me your birthright for it.

Now according to the Bible the birthright was given to the older son. It meant that he carried the family name and the promises of Abraham. These were not tangible or physical promises, they were spiritual. Spiritual blessings were promised and prophetic blessings that a person would only receive way into the future.

There are some blessings that God promises us that we will never receive in this life. They are spiritual blessings and not earthly.

God promises us a mansion in heaven some day if we serve Him and love him... That does not give us a mansion in this life..

God promises us a resurrected body someday.. That does no guarantee us a healthy body in this life.

God promises us that we will rule and reign with him in his kingdom if we serve him in this life..

That does not give us any guarantee that in this life we will be elected as a senator, congressman, or president..

So someone who only cares about what they can get in this life may say who cares about these future promises which do nothing for me today.

So people who do not love God.. who do not love Jesus.. say all I care about is what I can get now.

If it doesn't do anything for me today it does not matter.

The Bible says this was the attitude that Esau had, and the Bible says, God hated that attitude, and God loved the attitude that Jacob had.

So it says in the Bible,

God loved Jacob, and hated this wicked attitude of Esau.

Now life is filled with trades offs..

Esau Traded his spiritual birthright for a bowl of soup. How much is a bowl of soul worth?

Now every Sunday morning you make a decision.
Trade more sleep .. or come to Sunday School..

In your life you will need to make decisions.
Trade worldly activities and neglect spiritual activities

People say the same thing that Esau said..

WHAT GOOD IS IT TO SERVE GOD IT WILL DO ME NOT GOOD IN THIS LIFE?
SERVING GOD WILL NOT MAKE ME MORE POPULAR
SERVING GOD WILL NOT GIVE ME MORE IN THIS LIFE..
SERVING GOD WILL NOT MAKE ME RICHER IN THIS LIFE
Esau was willing to give up eternal blessings.. for a bowl of soup..

That is the first soup story in the Bible....

II. SECOND FAMOUS STORY IS ELISHA'S POT OF SOUP (Poison in Pot.)

II Kings 4:38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and [there was] a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets [were] sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

II Kings 4:39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred [them] into the pot of pottage: for they knew [them] not.

II Kings 4:40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O [thou] man of God, [there is] death in the pot. And they could not eat [thereof].

II Kings 4:41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast [it] into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

Now there is this second Soup story in the Bible.

The Bible says there was a dearth, a famine in the land..

Back then you could not just go to the grocery store and buy food,
There were no refrigerators, or ways to preserve food.. couldn't can food..

All food was picked fresh and cooked. When there was a bad year in the harvest it affected everyone.

So here we read about a bunch of people who were trying to serve God.. this was a prophets school. Elisha was the principle or president. The students come to him and were hungry, so he decides to make a big bowl of soup for everyone to eat. Soup goes a long way and could feed a lot of people.

So there was one fellow who went out and found some gourds which looked like a squash plant. Wild gourds and squash look very much alike, except the one is bitter and poisonous and the other can be eaten. A fellow gathered wild poisonous gourds and shred them and put them in the pot.

When the students cry out to Elisha, he commands them to put meal in the pot and God performs a miracle, the pottage (the soup) is healed. Then they did all eat.

1. WHY DID THEY ALLOW THE POISON IN THE POT?

They did so because of the famine in the land. Times of difficulty they let down their guard. In times of hunger you will eat things you normally would never eat.

So we are seeing people let down their guards because they are hungry and willing to do anything to satisfy that hunger.

2. WHAT DOES THE POISON IN THE POT REPRESENT..

It represents bad ideas, wrong doctrine,
It represents the world philosophies, being taught that are contrary to the Bible..

Not everything in the pot was poison.. but just enough to poison the whole thing..

The world teaches some things in the name of science that add some poison to it.

Evolution..
Transgender-ism, Homosexuality,
Host of things that are contrary to the Bible..

3. HOW IS THAT POISONED HEALED?

Elisha throws in some meal which is used to make bread..
Jesus is called the bread of life and he has overcome this world he is the hidden manna.. the bread come down from heaven..

Jesus can transform us and take that poison out our lives and hearts.

III. THE STORY OF THE LAODACINA'S LUKEWARM SOUP

Revelation 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Revelation 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Revelation 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

We like to eat our soup when it is hot...

We like to eat Ice Cream when it is cold...

The Lord said, soup that is cold is distasteful..

The Lord said, ice cream that is warm is not good....

Jesus said he wants us to be hot, on fire for him and not to serve him with a lukewarm attitude.

1. What is it to be lukewarm?

Someone who is lukewarm.. you can't tell if they are a Christian or not. Maybe they are maybe their not. A lukewarm Christian, is someone who one minute looks like a good Christian when they are in church, but when they are outside the church they blend in with the world. They dress like the world, they act like the world.

A lukewarm Christian is a person that you are not sure of..

I had a friend of mine who was not a Christian. I had been talking to him and trying to convince him to be a Christian. He was a musician like me. Then he had another fellow he knew who was also a musician. One day he said to me.. Do you know so and so.. I said yes I do. He said to me, he says he's a Christian. Then he looked at me and said, Is he?

He wasn't sure. That same friend said to me I believe you believe. He knew I was a Christian. He believed I was a Christian. He was not so sure about this other guy because of certain things he saw in his life that made him appear to be lukewarm.

God wants us to be on fire for him so others can know what a Christian should be..

So like soup.. he wants you hot.. not lukewarm.

I like hot soup..

God likes his soup hot..

God likes his followers to be on fire for him..

CONCLUSION

Three famous soup stories in the Bible..

I. DON'T SELL OUT FOR A BOWL OF SOUP...

II. DON'T LET POISON CREEP INTO YOUR SOUP (LIFE)

III. MAKE SURE YOU ARE RED HOT FOR GOD..