**R956 Rumination for May 21, 2023**

The **T**heme:  **Hungry, Weary and Thirsty.**[berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *The people are* ***hungry*** *and* ***weary*** *and* ***thirsty*** *in the wilderness.* II Sam. 17:29 NKJV

The **T**hots:

1. **The Historical Incident:**

**A**bsalom, David’s son, was pursuing David and his men. II Sam. 17:27-29

***A****nd it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim,* that three men came to their **A**id with **A**menities…

*for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.* The men were: -

1. The **A**mmonite, *Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon*.
2. He was little known but he came forward to help David and his men.
3. He was the brother of Hanun who had mistreated David's servants some years before –

*Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away.* II Sam. 10:4

1. **A**mmiel’s son, Machir, of Lodebar. He took care of Mephibosheth before David took over.

*The king said unto him* [Ziba], *Where is he* [Mephibosheth]? *And Ziba said unto the king,*

*Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar*. II Sam. 9:4, 5

1. The **A**ged Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim. This unselfish elderly man offered help to David without expecting any return – *I am this day fourscore years old…* (19:32) *wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee*.

* The **A**bove men were unknown, untitled and unskilled yet with the little they possessed and with whatever they could do they came forward to offer help to the king and his men. II Sam. 19:32, 34, 35
* **A**ll these brought *beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse, And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said,*

***The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.***

1. **The Spiritual Invitation:**

Today the people around us are also *hungry, and weary, and thirsty* [living] *in the wilderness* of sin.

And the Lord Jesus is promising to all of them full **S**atisfaction of their **S**piritual Needs if they come to Him:

1. To the Hungry, the Lord Promised: Jn. 6:35a

*And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger.*

1. To the Thirsty, the Lord Promised:
2. *And Jesus said unto them…. he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.* Jn. 6:35b
3. *Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:*

*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water*

*that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

*The woman saith unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.*

1. *The Spirit and the bride say, Come…And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.* Rev. 22:17
2. To the Weary, the Lord Promised: Isa. 40:31

*But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint*.

Jn. 4:14-15

1. **The Eternal Inspired Insight:**
2. There will be no **M**ore Thirst and **H**unger any **M**ore in **H**eaven. Rev. 7:16

*They shall* ***H****unger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any* ***H****eat.*

1. There will be **M**ultitudes in **H**eaven. Rev. 7:9
2. *A great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;*
3. *These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.* Rev. 7:14
4. Their **M**ultitudinous **H**onour: Rev. 7:10-12
5. *And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels…the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces,*

*and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.*

1. *Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple:* Rev. 7:15
2. The **M**ulti-**H**onoured King – *and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.*

For the Present, let us Remember Him Who is in our Midst as He commanded us: I Cor. 11:24-26

*When He had given thanks, He brake it, and said,*

***Take, eat****: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me…*

*This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye* ***drink*** *it, in remembrance of Me.*

*For as often as ye* ***eat*** *this bread, and* ***drink*** *this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.*

*Ho, every one that thirsteth, The living water buy!*

*Ye blessèd ones that hunger, Take, eat and never die.* Anonymous

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R.956**

1. While it is true that the Lord can satisfy our spiritual thirst and hunger with the Everlasting life He has promised us, it is also true that He Himself could “physically” be thirsty and hungry in this Earthly life… (Mt. 24:31-46):

*For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.* (Mt. 24:21). *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:* (Mt. 24:29)

**[Mt. 25:31-46]**

*31 When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him,*

*then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth His sheep from the goats: And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*

*34 Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father,*

*inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

***For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink:***

*I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: Naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me.*

*37 Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord,*

***when saw we Thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?***

*When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee?*

*Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee?*

*40 And the King shall answer and say unto them,* ***Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye***

***have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me****.*

*Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into*

*everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*

*42* *For* ***I was an hungred, and ye gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink:*** *I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in: naked, and ye clothed Me not:*

*sick, and in prison, and ye visited Me not.*

*44 Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred,*

*or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto Thee?*

*45 Then shall He answer them, saying,* ***Verily I say unto you,***

***Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me.***

***46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment:***

***but the righteous into life eternal.***

Have you ever been guilty of the following…

*For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me no drink:*

*I was a stranger, and ye took Me not in: naked, and ye clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited Me not.*

This week, in what ways can you do the above as unto the Lord?**REFLECT**

1. Remember too that the Lord has given His church an ordinance for all who are His followers to **eat** and **drink** in a regular act to remember Him in His death, burial and resurrection until He comes again. Paul wrote: (I Cor. 11:23-26) –

*For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks,*

*He brake it, and said,*

*Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.*

*After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

***For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death***

***till He come.*** Do you observe this command of the Lord regularly? **REFLECT**

**Points to Ponder:**

*Even a* ***C****up of* ***C****old water given in* ***C****ompassion will* ***R****eceive its* ***R****eward.*

Mt. 10:42