

THEME: APPLICATION OF KINGDOM PRINCIPLES
TOPIC: MAKING USE OF THE FIRE OF THE KINGDOM
TEXT: Act 28:2-6 KJV



2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. 3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live. 5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. 6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

They just survived the shipwreck and landed at an Island called Malta. It was cold and Paul gathered some sticks together in order to get warmth. They didn't have heaters. So he placed the wood on fire but suddenly a viper came out from the wood. it held on to Paul's hand, it won't let go but Paul shook it inside the fire.

Up to the time Paul came, the Viper was staying inside the wood, it was comfortable, even when Paul carried the wood up, the Viper did not make any attempt to run or come out and it would have remained there if not that Paul needed warmth. When Paul ignited fire, the Viper could not withstand the heat any longer, it ran out.

There are many Viper around us, they are in our homes, they are in our places of work, they stay with us in the store, some are occupying some part of the body causing occasional pains every now and

then. For

some of us, our sources of affliction and trouble are not far from us, they are just a few feet away from us. The Viper was comfortable as long as everything, the condition of cold, environment and circumstances were not disturbed.

Some devils are comfortable in the Church, in your home as long as you don't shake the table, who knows how long that Viper has been staying inside the wood before Paul came to Malta? It could have been born or got there by chance, but it was comfortable not moving an inch, even when the wood was lifted up and laid down, it just stayed there.

There are some vipers that have lived with many of us for some time, I mean they are very comfortable now, you must have lifted their wood, carried it but they refused to come out. Just like this viper in Malta.

But when fire came, when heat came, when smoke came, when there was burning and cracking, the Viper could not withstand the fire and the heat, it ran out of the wood. I believe it was shouting while coming out.

Some of the Vipers that i am talking about are comfortable because many of us are cold too, we are lukewarm in our prayers, many of us are even comfortable living with them, may be we have carried their wood before i mean you made some efforts to throw them out but they won't just burge.

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

You only need one thing and that is the fire of the kingdom. When Paul lit the fire, the Viper jumped out. Every Viper occupying your home shall come out by fire. The one in your store shall relocate by fire, the ones in our body shall die by fire, the ones causing sickness and disease shall perish now in Jesus name, the ones oppressing you are leaving you now in Jesus name.

When the Viper came out, he would not let go of the hand of Paul. The Bible says it fastened itself to his hand. The Greek word they used for "fastened on" is "**kathaptō**" and it means: to fit or fasten to, bind on, to lay hold of, fasten on (hostilely), to seize upon.

it was in an angry way, the Viper would be saying what have i done? Why are you pursuing me from this place now? It held on to Paul's hand trying to inject him with poison but power passed power. The Bible says Paul shook him inside the fire, it was running from fire and it ended in fire.

Whatever has fastened itself to you, to destroy you and your, to cause evil in your home, as we pray now, they shall fall into fire in Jesus name. Fire shall locate them, fire shall destroy them in Jesus name.

How did the Viper get inside the wood? Obviously it was looking for a hiding place, a safe haven, a home, a secured place. Do you know that there are many of us that have provided homes and lodging places for the Vipers in our lives? We have used our money to buy the Viper and bring them to the house in the form of decorations and toys that look harmless. The source of our issues are

probably bought for us or we bought or made them by ourselves.

This has given the devil the legal ground in our lives and home. It will be over today in Jesus name. Devil has access because his asset is in your hand or home or place of work or probably on your body. As long as his asset is with you, he has legal authority to come and afflict, oppress and disturb. We made ourselves lawful captives.

Isa 49:24-26 KJV 24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

Let me share some incidents that happened.

When I was serving as a youth corper, I was squatting with a guy that was to go to school. But at night, I felt oppressed, and I was very disturbed. I felt it was an insult for the devil to come and oppress me, I prayed but it happened the following day. So when I woke up, I scattered the whole house, I knew something was wrong and lo and behold I found under the bed some horns, decorative horns and instantly I knew in my heart that this is the source of the attack, I dealt with them and carried them off into the kitchen. Till I left the place I never experienced such again. Power pass power.

When we got married, we discovered that there were funny funny dreams and oppression and I began to wonder where they could be coming from. As at the time the wedding gifts have not been opened, we called on the Pastor to come and help and prayed on them but he was very busy so we called on our neighbour Christian and she joined us to pray. After she left we started opening them one by one and in the process I saw a plaque, very beautiful. I knew instantly in my heart that this is the source of the oppression, so I took it outside, broke it into pieces and set it on fire. Till we left that place there were no such things again.

Can I pray for you whatever has fastened itself on you shall die by fire in Jesus name.

There was this guy that bought a nice belt that has a decorative buckle, that was the source of the waist pain and impotency he was having.

What did the people in the Bible do when they heard this kind of message?

Act 19:19 KJV Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Whatever is giving the devil legal hold on you shall perish in Jesus name. Can a lawful captive be delivered? Isaiah asked the question.

Isa 49:24-26 KJV 24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? 25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. 26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour

and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

Paul shook it inside fire, even when the people were watching whether he would fall down and die and nothing happened to him. The Bible says they changed their mind.

Some people are expecting terrible things to happen to you but in the name of the Lord, they shall be disappointed.

What does fire do?

It exposes the viper, it reveals its hiding place, it drove it out and finally it consumed him. That viper shall be exposed, it shall no longer be covered in Jesus name.

What are you going to do?

Shake it inside fire, enough is enough, it has stayed with you for a long time, shake it inside fire, it has abided in your place, shake it inside fire.

Somebody will say where am I going to get fire? Paul used a physical fire to get that Viper out, where are we going to get fire? John informed us:

Mat 3:11 KJV I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

The Lord Jesus told the disciples the same thing before he ascended to heaven:

Act 1:5 KJV For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Act 2:2-3 KJV 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Before now God had told Jeremiah some facts:

Jer 1:9 KJV Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.

Jer 5:14 KJV Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Hello ma, you are an embodiment of fire, fire is in you, fire is in your mouth, when you speak, your words are fire, use that fire to set them ablaze, set the viper ablaze with the fire in your mouth.

Rev 11:5 KJV And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their

enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Prayers

Every Viper located in my body, crawling in any part of my body, causing affliction and pain, die by fire now in Jesus name.

Every Viper in my home, in store, in my compound, you are coming out by fire, the fire of the LOrd exposes you, I destroy you with the fire of the Lord now in Jesus name.

Every evil attachment around my life, associating with me, what are you waiting for, die by fire in Jesus name.