

Found Wanting

Have you heard of the expression, “found wanting?”

Yochanan Abraham — King Belshazzar was *weighed in the balance, and “found wanting.”* (Dan 5:27)

It means you didn’t “measure up” — you didn’t do *all you could*. Those who are “found wanting” will not be worthy to enter the Kingdom. They will go to the second death for believers, because they did not do “*all they could*.”

When our days, which are numbered, are over and gone, will we be able to look back and confidently say at the judgment (2 Cor 5:10), “*We did all we could*”? Mk 14:8-9 —Wherever we preach the gospel, in the whole world, do we speak about what the woman of Bethany did, in memory of her? That is part of doing “all we could.”

Mt 25:14-30 talks about the measure that is given to each person. This is their *talents*, the faith and grace given to them to carry out their works. Some are given ten talents, some five, and some two. Regardless, we must spend all we have, giving all, not hiding or burying our talents.

Lk 19:12-27 — He commanded his servants to, *Do business until I come*,” which means that while He is away we act in His place (2 Cor 5:20). We are His *ambassadors*, taking His place here on earth, and representing Him.

“She has done all she could do” (Mk 14:8-9) is the essence of “this gospel” —the one our Master spoke of. It really is the only gospel. Eternal life is only given to those who thankfully obey all that our Master commands them. Our Master did “*all He could*” for His Father when He died and went in death on our behalf. So then we who live are to no longer live for ourselves, but for *Him*, giving “*all WE could*.” This is the only response worthy of eternal life. All those who have heard *this gospel* will be judged on whether they did give *all they could* or not. That is what the gospel demands. Of course, if we’re not thankful to do it, there is something wrong (Mk 10:17-22; Mt 13:44).

Obedying *this gospel* entails one doing “*all he could*.” Of course, you cannot do that if you are not in the Body. You are not even saved if you are not in the Body. One can only give “all” in the Body. The Body is the Community, and the Community is the Body of Messiah, according to Col 1:18 and Eph 1:22-23.

“Love one another as I Loved You”

Jn 13:34 — “Do you think He really meant, ‘Love one another, even as I loved you?’” The gospel requires that we do this, and also Jn 12:26 — if anyone serves *Him here*, in that place where He is, the Father will honor him in this age with revelation (Jn 14:21). He does not disclose Himself to anyone who does not love Him. Those who love the world (1 Jn 2:15) prove that the love of the Father is not in them. And when He is absent, and not in our heart, what is the result? Deceit and dishonesty and “under the table” actions start.

So then, there must be a people who do “love one another as I loved you.” Then and *only then* will the world see who His disciples are, and who they are not (Jn 13:35). Then, and only then, will “all men know” we are true disciples, following the true Savior. Can we do it? Can we do “all we could” and prove it?

If people don’t see *this gospel*, and if they don’t see a people doing Jn 13:35, then they will hear something false and even be attracted to a false Savior, one whose people don’t love one another. “All men will know” if we give “all we could.” Mt 24:14 — *This gospel* has to be seen, heard, and understood. Otherwise, “all men” will only hear “another gospel, another spirit, another Yahshua” (2 Cor 11:4).

Drawn by the Word, not Drawing the Sword

The woman from Bethany was forgiven; she was saved. She heard and responded to the gospel. And all who have *heard* and truly surrendered their lives will do “all they could,” just as she did. At the judgment, these will be judged as having done “all they could” to repay Him for “all He did” for them. **Ps 116:12-15**—We sing this as we lift the cup after the Breaking of Bread. ‘How can I repay You for all Your mercy towards me?’ And the way we give praise to His name is through doing “*all we could*” (Mk 14:8).

Mt 25:14-17 —Everyone here has been given, or dispensed, certain talents — a certain measure of grace and a certain measure of faith — to employ their gifts, to do the works prepared for them before the foundation of the world. We have to be adjusted and readjusted until we finally do those works — the works which build the Body of Messiah, His temple, God’s house, just as our Master Yahshua did (Jn 17:4). And those who did “all they could” will say: “I used up all You had given me, to do ‘all I could’ to bring glory to Your name, by pouring out all I had on You. I gave all my time, all my gifts. I didn’t keep anything for myself, or hold back anything. I didn’t even hold back my self. I ‘broke the flask’ and poured it all out on You, because You did ‘all you could’ and went into death for me, on my behalf.”

2 Cor 10:14-21 — He became sin; He took on all our sin. So therefore, we are “His Ambassadors” doing all we could on His behalf, in His place, to represent Him to the world. Can you confidently say that now, about your own life? How many places in the Old and New Covenant speak of someone doing *all he could*? Do you truly love others as much as you could? You have to ask yourself that question (1 Jn 3:14-23).

So those who serve Him in this way will be honored by the Father (Jn 12:26). At the judgment, He will say, “Well done, My good and *faithful* servant” (Mt 25:21,23). Will it also be said about you, “You did all you could”? Were all your talents spent?

Mt 25:14-24 goes along with Mt 24:14. *This gospel*—the gospel of giving “all we could” —must be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations before the end can come. Wherever *this* gospel is heard, *this* witness will accompany it.

The Narration Demands a Play

The entire world has to witness the true gospel of salvation, seeing how “she did all she could.” So there needs to be the *play* and the *narration*. **Acts 5:20**—An angel told Peter, “Go and stand in the temple courts and declare everything about ‘this new life’ they are seeing. Explain it to them; give them the narration about the play.” We need to do this. People see our life, but they don’t understand it. They ask, “Well, you all look nice, and you’re all kind, but how come you people want to live together? I could never do that.”

That is when we speak “the whole message of this new life.” We explain to them that, “Our life *is* the gospel. We give all to Him, just as the woman from Bethany did, who broke the alabaster jar, and poured it all out on our Master.”

So at the judgment, will it be said about you, “Well done, good and faithful servant. You were a part of the witness to the world — the world I loved? Jn 3:16 makes us a witness to the world — the people of the world that He loves. He does not love what they *do*, but He loves the *people* in the world. Were you a part of that witness, standing in His place, doing “*all you could*” to explain what is being represented to them?

Our Master did “all He could” to save people in the world through us, so now He is sending us (Mt 28:19) to

represent Him and His love to everyone — by our life and witness. They have to be able to see the life we sing about: “No denominations, a real representation..”

Wherever *This Gospel* is Preached

Our communities were founded on what the woman of Bethany did, as we always gave “all we could,” pouring out everything. Now we will actually start *doing* WHAT OUR MASTER SAID IN MT 26:13 AND MK 14:9. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? WE HAVE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE WOMAN OF BETHANY “WHEREVER *THIS* GOSPEL IS PREACHED,” IN MEMORY OF HER, SO THAT IS WHAT WE WILL DO.

EPH 4:16 IS DOING “ALL WE COULD.” EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THE BODY OF MESSIAH HAS A VITAL PART TO DO. IF EVEN ONE MEMBER IS BEING SLACK IN HIS WORK, AND “FOUND WANTING,” THE TEMPLE (HIS BODY) WILL NOT BE BUILT (BY HIM WHO IS SLACK). OUR WORKS MUST BE DONE COMPLETELY AND *WHOLE-HEARTEDLY*. WE ARE OUR FATHER’S ETERNAL DWELLING PLACE. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE, AND DO “ALL WE COULD” TO BRING ABOUT THE END.

MT 6:9 CAN ONLY HAPPEN THROUGH ALL OF US DOING “ALL WE COULD” — PEOPLE WHO SINCERELY DESIRE MT 6:10 TO BECOME A REALITY. BUT IT CANNOT HAPPEN AT ALL UNLESS WE PRAY (MT 6:13). RIGHT NOW, IT SEEMS AS IF THE EVIL ONE IS ATTACKING SO MANY PEOPLE. JMS 4:7 IS THE WORD OF GOD — A PROMISE. THOSE WHO ARE OVERCOME BY EVIL SHOW THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GOING TO THE THRONE OF GRACE. THEY ARE NOT PRAYING TO BE DELIVERED FROM THE EVIL ONE. IF WE’RE NOT PRAYING TO BE DELIVERED FROM HIM, WE BECOME HIS *PREY*.

HOW MUCH OF OUR TIME AND ATTENTION DO WE GIVE TO WORLDLY PLEASURES, OR WORLDLY PURSUITS, OR WORLDLY ANYTHING? HOW CAN WE REPAY OUR MASTER FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR US? HOW MUCH SHOULD WE GIVE OF OURSELVES, OF OUR TIME, OF OUR DEVOTION? WHOEVER LOVES HIM KEEPS HIS COMMANDMENTS (JN 14:15,21). WE CANNOT WAIT UNTIL JUST TWO WEEKS BEFORE JUBILEE.

WE HAVE TO EXPLAIN *THIS GOSPEL*, AS MUCH AS OUR MASTER SAID IT SHOULD BE EXPLAINED — IF HE REALLY DID MEAN IT WHEN HE SAID, “WHEREVER *THIS GOSPEL* IS PREACHED IN THE WHOLE WORLD, WHAT THIS WOMAN HAS DONE WILL ALSO BE TOLD AS A MEMORIAL TO HER.” SO, IT SOUNDS AS IF WE ARE SUPPOSED TO TALK ABOUT *THIS* WOMAN, AND WHAT DOING “ALL SHE COULD” REALLY MEANS. THIS WOMAN DIDN’T HOLD BACK ANYTHING: AND THAT MEANS DURING HER WHOLE LIFE IN THE BODY, NOT JUST ONCE. I’M SURE SHE WAS IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE MUST HAVE REPAID HIM FOR “ALL HE DID” THAT WAY. HOW ELSE COULD SHE? I CAN IMAGINE HER SERVING NIGHT AND DAY, WORKING, LOVING, AND NOT BEING OFFENDED WITH HER BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THAT IS WHY WE NEED TO EXPLAIN HOW SHE WAS — ESPECIALLY TO CHRISTIANS — SO THAT IN THE JUDGMENT THEY WILL NOT BE “FOUND WANTING” — UNTO ETERNAL DEATH (JN 9:41).

SO WHEN OUR DAYS, WHICH ARE NUMBERED, ARE OVER AND GONE, WILL WE BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK AND CONFIDENTLY SAY, “WE DID ALL WE COULD?”

JN 17:10, NIV — “ALL I HAVE IS YOURS, AND ALL YOU HAVE IS MINE.” THAT IS THE TRUE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY.