

Apostolic Brotherhood International

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In Jeremiah chapter 24, Jeremiah saw two baskets of figs sitting in front of the temple. One as good as could be. The other as bad as could be, uneatable. This was used to describe the children of Israel. God was making a distinction in those who called themselves Israelites. Nebuchadnezzar had carried captive Jeconiah and the princes of Judah, the carpenters and the smiths captive, taking them to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar had set up Jeconiah's uncle Zedekiah the son of Josiah to be king. Those who had been carried captive were said to be the good figs. They included Daniel, and his three fellows, as well as Ezekiel. God said He would deal with them as a people, His people. They had been carried to Babylon for their own good. God would bring them back to the land, and they would return with a full heart to live for God. Those that were left were very bad figs. They were to be given to the sword, famine, and pestilence until they would be consumed.

This is a case where God touched the faithful and took them out of the land. Those who remained were not the blessed, but the cursed. Everything got confusing. The faithful had to submit to Nebuchadnezzar, and walk away from the life they knew. Those who stayed in the land God had promised to their fathers would die. The true blessing was not Jerusalem, but the presence of God. It's not the promises of God we need to seek, but the God of the promises.

Today the world is getting more confusing around us. Christian bakers who would sell to sodomites are run out of business and fined, because they refused to participate in a sodomite marriage. A clerk is jailed for refusing to put her signature to sodomite marriage. The supreme court suddenly finds we have been reading the constitution wrong all of these years and writes laws from the judicial branch. What do I do in the face of all this confusion. I want to be in the basket of good figs.

Too many people talk about all that God is going to do. Sadly it is more about themselves than about God. They say God will give prosperity, but they believe gain is godliness. More money, or a larger church is their definition of prosperity. Sometimes the will of God involves suffering. It is not the events of life that determine whether or not I prosper, but my attitude in them. Can I praise God when everything I believe appears to be against everything people are teaching? Can we worship God from jail if need be? Are we willing to stand for God at the cost of our physical life?

I preach healing. Can I worship God in suffering, and still preach that God can and will heal? Can I say that God is good when men want nothing more than my hurt? Can I hold my conscience when men are telling me I'm not even a christian because I don't have enough tolerance, or love? Do I love enough to preach God hates sin, and name sin while the world is embracing it? Can I keep it all about Him, and not center on me? I am not the center of the universe, He is. The Bible is not about me, it's about Him. I want to be faithful. Jesus is LORD. Which basket will I fit in?

- Bro. Ernie Fowler, Author of The Acts of the Apostles and ABI Minister

Up Coming Events:

ABI
2015 Annual
Christmas Banquet

For
Ministers and their Families

The exact date, time & location for this event are being planned. Once all the planning has been completed and confirmed that information will be in announced following Newsletters as well as on our Facebook page.

Prayer Requests:

Please be in Prayer for Brother Fowler as he recovers from Neck Surgery.
Please be in Prayer for Bishop Cathey as he recovers from Hand Surgery.
Please be in Prayer for Brother Nelms daughter, Destiney, as she recovers from her recent stay at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Announcements:

Grow The ABI With Us: Do you know a fellow minister looking for Fellowship? We are always eager to find ministers of like, precious faith who are looking for a place of healing, belonging, and fellowship. We believe that through this network of ministers we each help to make the other stronger and more effective in God's Kingdom. You can obtain a copy of the application for License/Ordination for the ABI by going to our website, apostolicbrotherhood.org. If you know someone needing a paper copy please contact Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams for a paper copy.

ABI Evangelists: Please let Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams know when and where you will be preaching. Whether you are preaching one service or a Multi-Day/Night Revival we would like to help get the word out. We want to do everything we can to help make your ministry a success. We will be happy to promote the Revival you are preaching on our FaceBook page, Twitter & in our Newsletter.

Revivals & Church Events: If you have any events that you would like to include in the monthly newsletter please contact Brother Adams by the 25th of the month to insure it is published in upcoming following issue. If you have an event you would like announced on our FaceBook page or Twitter please contact Brother Adams as well

ABI Website: Our Webpage has been updated and will now have a link to Newsletters. Also our Webpage has been updated to add information for Camp Meeting & other events going on around the ABI. Please stop by and take a look at the page & see all the wonderful things the ABI is doing.

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