

# The Vessels of Honor

2 Kings 4 King James Version (KJV)

**4 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.**

- The woman (intercessor) recognizes the debt from past generations (Adam) cannot be paid and seeks help from the Prophetic Order – wife of the son of a prophet. She had chosen to be under another authority.

**<sup>2</sup> And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.**

- In life we have debts that are natural as well as spiritual. It will take someone with oil (even a little) to set in motion the redemptive process that will bring restoration and life.
- She is the wife of the son of a prophet and she doesn't have a whole lot, but she has something left.
- What do you have in your house? I know you got a little but here is how you get more!

**<sup>3</sup> Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.**

- Go out of your house and borrow or bring some “empty vessels” into the house.
- How silly it must have seemed due to her own resources were so low that she would then go out to get ‘empty vessels” in expectation of more.
- She is about to discover the source of the “Prophetic order of God”
- It was a man (Adam) that put them in debt but there be another man Elisha (Jesus) that brings her out.

**<sup>4</sup> And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.**

- The house is the place that is set apart from the world (sanctuary) where you come to pour into the vessels and the sons that are inside see the process of staying out of debt and keeping relationship with God.
- As you seek to pour out the oil increases miraculously. No matter how many vessels God keeps pouring in and you get more, and the vessels are filled.

<sup>5</sup> So she went from him and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

<sup>6</sup> And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

<sup>7</sup> Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

- The gathering of vessels produced a lifetime source of life for mind, soul and body. The example for the spiritual eye to see oil and vessel as one concerning themselves.

2 Timothy 2:20-21 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. <sup>21</sup> Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, <sup>1a</sup>sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work

- The most honored vessel in the Temple was the Menorah: The Menorah was a vessel that held oil and never went out because the priest had to keep replenishing. The Menorah is a vessel of honor.

**Zechariah 4** And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. <sup>2</sup> And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: <sup>3</sup> And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

- Candlestick was a vessel that was filled with oil that burned or gave light. The olive trees represent the oil that filled the lamp to make it burn and give light. It miraculously flows into the vessel that it might fulfill its purpose.
1. 200 times oil is mentioned in the bible it references the presence of God.
  2. The vessel or lampstand is useless without the presence or the oil that it might burn.
  3. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good work
  4. In the old there was no evangelism in the new it's the last thing Jesus commanded them to do before he ascended.

5. In the old the lamp burned in the Temple in the New it burns in the Temple and then goes to the world.
6. The Menorah dispelled the darkness in the Temple and needed the oil You are to dispel the darkness in the world, and you need the oil.
7. The oil replenishes the "virtue that goes out" of you when you minister that's why you stay in the house of God where 5-fold is designed to make sure the oil does not dry up
8. Your designed to be "LIT" He makes his angels ministering Spirits and his ministers a "Flame of Fire" Hebrews 1:7  
<sup>11</sup>And it was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>[to equip the saints for works of ministry, to build up the body of Christ.](#)
9. With enough oil you can love, forgive, live holy, give of yourself

## CLOSING

Matthew 25 King James Version (KJV)

**25** Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup>And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

<sup>3</sup>They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

<sup>4</sup>But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

<sup>5</sup>While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

<sup>6</sup>And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

<sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.

<sup>8</sup>And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

<sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

<sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup>Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

<sup>12</sup>But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

<sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

**THEY KNEW THE OTHER 5 HAD IT THEY KNEW ALSO WHERE TO GET IT**