

"And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, 'Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.' And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not. So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, 'O thou man of God, There Is Death In The Pot. And they could not eat thereof." 2 Kings 4:38-40 KJV



Dearth in the land brought death to the pot. They thought to do well by gathering herbs from the countryside to put in the soup, but one gathered what he “*knew not*.” I’m sure it even smelled good. Today’s world is in a great spiritual dearth and men gather whatever gratifies their feelings not realizing that feelings are a product of the temporal flesh which the Apostle Paul called “*the body of this death*.” What appeals to feelings it is not of God. Many believers sing the praises of some “new” doctrine or “prophet,” rushing to the bookstore to get their latest writings while rarely reading their Bible. They mingle it in the Assembly stirring in “*wild gourds*” of heresy which “*they knew not*.” Church members go home and allow TV shows and movies to slyly inject poison into their soul. We are not told to resist temptation, but to flee it. We are told to “*resist the devil*,” but only after we first “*submit to God*.” We are no match for temptation or Satan without Christ. “*Do ye think that The Scripture Saith in vain, 'The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?' But He Giveth More Grace. Wherefore He Saith, 'God Resisteth the proud, but Giveth Grace unto the humble.'* Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He Will Draw Nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” Like alcoholics avoiding alcohol’s poison, anything that tempts must be totally shunned, including friends. The best rule of a Holy Life is “*Abstain from all appearance of evil*” in thought, word, and deed. “*For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested*.” What is stirring poison into your life? Let God’s Word daily water the soil of your heart so Its Plenty will be the death of dearth.

Dearth of land brought death to the pot,
Because they got what they knew not,
The Truth must guard each single breath,
Its lack will bring our soul to death. –CGP

God Does Not Change. “*Jesus Christ The Same yesterday, and to day, and for ever*.” There will be “*nothing new under the sun*” until God Makes “*all things new*.” “New” on this earth is probably heresy. Unbelieving archeologists are finding all kinds of “new” gospels they claim cast doubt on trusted manuscripts. Really? I think not! God Said His Word would “*endure to every generation*.” That’s The Absolute Truth! There is no way that past generations were without it. Truth is unchanged since Eternity Past and no “new finds” change It. Just because something was written in an early century, doesn’t make it “gospel.” There have been heretics since creation. There were heretics then as well! Much heresy is being written even today as I write. If something I write isn’t verified by Holy Scripture, it’s heresy. Don’t align Scripture with your doctrine; Align your doctrine with Scripture. If it doesn’t line up, discard it or there’ll be “*death in the pot!*”

"For I Testify unto every man that heareth The Words of The Prophecy of This Book, If any man shall add unto these things, God Shall Add unto him the plagues that Are Written In This Book: And if any man shall take away from The Words of The Book of This Prophecy, God Shall Take Away his part out of The Book of Life, and out of The Holy City, and from The Things Which Are Written In This Book. He Which Testifieth These Things Saith, 'Surely I Come Quickly.' Amen. Even so, Come, Lord Jesus." Revelation 22:18-20 KJV