"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.' <u>And The Oil Stayed</u>." 2 Kings 4:6 KJV

"Stay" is an interesting word in the English language. Depending on context, it can mean dwell, anchor, remain, or supply. In Scripture, oil represents the Holy Ghost and His Work. In Biblical times, oil, specifically olive oil, had a myriad of applications; for food, medicine, perfume, and ceremony to name a few, and was a highly prized commodity. The spiritual application of today's text teaches us of The Inexhaustible Supply of the Holy Spirit. He Fills vessel after vessel and diminishes not. Christ Summed Up The Holy Spirit's Work for believers by the Name, "The Comforter." Isn't comfort the real goal of pleasure seekers? To ease discomfort and find peace in their lives? We cannot enjoy good food with a toothache or a sleep well with an earache. Men seek pleasure to escape the pain of the Curse



that defines human existence, but pleasure is only temporary peace. "Great Peace have they which love Thy Law." Adam sinned and God Said, "Because thou...hast eaten of the tree, of which I Commanded thee, saying, 'Thou shalt not eat of it:' cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life." Believers have an inexhaustible supply of comfort in the Holy Ghost. He Administers The "Balm of Gilead" to our sorrows, "Eyesalve" to our blindness, Rejoices our souls with Truth, and Illuminates our path with Its "Light." When God Sees Fit To Glorify Himself Through It, even human frailties of sickness and injury are relieved. Believers may toil without weariness relying on the Holy Spirit's Strength and sail securely through the tempest of life with His Hand "Staying" the helm if they "stay" obedient to Truth. However, God only "stays" the helm of your life if you remove your hand from it. Either He is in total control or not at all! When we disobey, we've taken back the helm! He Whispers Assurance to our souls in the darkest valleys and He Securely "Stays" our ascent on treacherous ascents and descents. He Intercedes on our behalf when our own words fail us. "The Spirit...Helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." He Is At Once Our Anchor, Guardian, Storehouse, And Guide, And Will "Stay" with us forever! His Voice Confirmed The Truth in our hearts when we first heard It And "Stays" To Reassure us when "fiery darts" of doubt assail. He Is The "Seal of Promise" That "Stays" Hope in God Eternally!

The tiny cruse was just the means, From which the oil's flow could stream, Every debt that was assayed. Was turned to gold by oil that stayed. –CGP

The Holy Spirit Indwells believers, "Stays" their Hope On Christ, "Stays" their every need, and "Stays" their consort through eternity. He Is The Living Spirit That Transforms men into the "Lively Stones" of The Dwelling Place of The Almighty. When every vessel in the House is filled, Hope Will Become Reality And Faith Will Become The Face of God Who Will "Stay" with them forever!

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, The Tabernacle of God is with men, and He Will Dwell with them, and they shall be His People, And God Himself Shall Be with them, and Be their God. And God Shall Wipe Away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:3-4 KJV