

## **BEING CERTAIN OF GOD**

### **I KINGS 17:9**

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

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39 You know, when we have confessed our sins and **met every requirement that God requires...** We believed on God. There's a circumstances has to be met, and it's according to His will. And we've confessed our sins, and we've made all the wrongs that we have did right, **done everything that we know how to do**, every requirement that God had made or asked, we have met that requirement, **AND YET HE LAYS SILENT; HE JUST WON'T ANSWER US...**

I'm sure that I'm speaking to peoples this morning who's come to that place. I've been there many times myself. **When I've went back and traced my life and turned over every stone**, and I'd find that I did something wrong, I'd go confess it and say, "Lord God, I'll make it right," and go do so. Then come back again and say, "Now, Lord, Thou art God; You'll answer me. Surely I've met every request that You required me to do. And every requirement, I have met it." **AND STILL HE WON'T MOVE, SEEMS TO SET SILENT;** **that's when you've got to be sure that He is God. Don't be discouraged; the only thing is, that in your heart to be certain of God.**

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41.....when you've met everything that He said, then you're sure that He's God, **that's when faith goes to work right there. Faith stands steady, for it knows that He is.** And you

met every requirement. You believe that He is, and faith holds steady.....

.....If you've met God's requirement, and in your heart you believe that He is, **GOD'S ONLY TESTING YOUR FAITH, FOR HE LOVES TO DO THAT.** You've confessed your sin and you've met every requirement that God requires, and **STILL HE LAYS SILENT**, remember, faith says that He is. Then faith holds onto it, not knowing what it's all about, but it knows that He is, and it's certain that He is.

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44.....if He required you to meet these circumstances and you did, He's obligated to take care of His Word. **Don't back off and say, "Oh, I never got healed. I..."** Oh, you poor, weak faith. Don't believe that. If everything's confessed, and everything's out, and you met God's requirement, **faith holds right there. There's nothing will move it. He is, and you're sure.....**

**.....when you've met His requirements; that brings your faith to a showdown.** If you have met... God's requirements has been made--or met, and you have fully considered it, and you have done everything that God required you to do, **then your faith rests right there that He is. Be certain of God.**

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46 **YOU KNOW, HE LOVES TO TEST US. HE LOVES TO SEE THE REACTION OF YOUR FAITH.** Did you know that? God likes to see how you'll react. When you say, "Oh, Lord, I believe You; Thou art my Saviour. I believe that You are the Healer; I believe that You are the One Who gives the Holy Spirit; and the things that I am requiring, You are the God Who gives that." And then when you confess all your sins and promise God what you'll do if He'll let you get well, **and then because it don't happen, you run off like a coward somewhere, God can't use that.** There's no way for Him to use you. There's no way for Him to answer you, **because He only answers by faith. Then all of a**

**sudden you go away and He can't answer.** But real true faith stands there, being sure that God is. Be certain that He is.....

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48.....when they heard they had to go to the fiery furnace, they said, "Our God is able to deliver us from this furnace. But if He doesn't do it, we're not bowing to any of your idols." See, they were sure and certain of God.

**They knowed that He was Jehovah. They knowed that He answered prayer.** But whether He did in their case or not, it would have to be for the good, so they just made their statement, confessed their sins, and walked into death.....

.....they were certain of God; because they knowed that God would work everything for their good. **AND WHEN WE ARE CERTAIN OF GOD, WE KNOW THAT GOD WORKS EVERYTHING FOR OUR GOOD.**

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51 **So they made one statement.** They were certain. And they walked right into the fiery furnace, and God let them walk there, setting looking at them. **HE WANTED TO SEE THEIR REACTION.....**

they were certain that He was God. They had made their confession. They had made everything right that they knowed of. **They were certain that He was God.**

So they walked right up that fiery furnace. **And right at the last moment, there He come riding out of the heavens on a chariot of wind,** fanned the breezes off of them while He consoled them and talked to them. **GOD LETS YOUR FAITH COME TO THE SPOT TO WHERE IT'LL REACT.**

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80 This poor, little woman, **she knew that He was God.** As that barrel went down, down, down, down, **circumstances got worse and worse all the time. BUT GOD WAS LETTING IT GET THAT WAY. HE JUST LOVES TO DO THAT. HE LOVES TO**

**PUT YOUR FAITH TO A TEST TO SEE HOW YOU ACT ON IT,**

let you be anointed and prayed for, then make you worse, say, "Come on, Satan, put him to the test; I know he believes Me."

Bless God forever. Oh, my. "Put him to a test now; I know he took My Word for it." **Could He say that about you?**

He said that about Job, said, "Do anything to him you want to, but don't you take his life, **FOR I KNOW HE LOVES ME.** He's made the burnt offering; he's made the requirements; he did what I told him to do, and he believes it. **Now, roll him over the coals if you want to.**" He took everything away from him; God doubled it when He gave it back to him. Sure He will.

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**82 HE PUTS OUR FAITH TO A TEST TO SEE IF WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT HE IS GOD.**

That little woman no doubt said, "I prayed; I prayed; I know I'm an unworthy Gentile.".....

.....maybe when she seen that last little cake, **death had done entered the gate and come into the door.** One more bite apiece and she and her son died. I can see her all night praying, the hot winds a-blowing, and the earth parched, and the people crying and screaming in the streets. She walked around through the house. She looked at her little boy, looked at his little pajamas, they were all out, and his little feet sticking out, looked at her own hands, wrinkled. **She walked back and forth, but she said, "I know that He's God.** I've made all of my confession; I've done everything that He required; **and I'm asking for our lives for His glory." God seen her.**

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86.....Daylight broke. She said, "The little fellow had cried all night for something to eat; what will I do with one little handful of meal?"

**You know, that meal was Christ. Any Bible student knows that Christ was the Meal-offering.** And that meal offering had to be ground with a special burr too, till it cut every little piece of

corn the same, because Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.....

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90.....St. John 4: "The Father seeketh such to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth." Jesus was the Truth. **He was the Meal-offering, and this Oil was the Spirit.** And the Spirit mixed with the Truth has got to bring something. **Put it together; it makes a cake.**

Oh, where's your faith? When God's Word's preached in Its simplicity, though in Its power that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, **and the Word goes forth for the Meal, you've got the Oil to mix with It. It may be just a little handful or a spoonful, but whatever it is, it's real.**

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92 **Now, what's it ready for? It's ready for the cross. It's ready for self-sacrifice.** That's what you have to do. If the Word's been preached, and you've got the Spirit in It mixed together, **it's self-sacrifice to deny every pain, to deny every sickness, to deny everything that's contrary to God's Word and stand on it.**

The doctor says this, that, or the other; that don't make a bit of difference. You stand on it, because God said so. **The Meal comes; you got the Oil; you mix it together.**

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94 Now, I hear a voice. It's a little after daylight. **A voice speaks and said, "Go out in the yard and get two sticks."** Did you notice the Scripture said two sticks? The cross. She's got the meal and the oil, **but she's going to be called on to act now, act with it.** Ever much you got, much Meal or Oil as you need, **but you've got to act--self-sacrifice, two sticks.**

.....The voice said, "Go through the yard and get two sticks." The same time up on the mountain there's a voice thundered down to the prophet and said, "Go to the city; I have commanded..." Oh,

my. **Both of them obeyed. Something has to happen. Both of them are obeying.**

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99 She don't know where the sticks will be laying, but there's two sticks in the yard somewhere. She starts off; she goes out in the yard. She looks around, "Oh, how hot." The screams from the city, the night prowlers coming in, scrambling along drinking their wines and so forth. She looks down the street; she sees nothing. She finds one stick, part of the cross, self-sacrifice. **She gets another piece of stick, and when she picked up that second stick...**

Oh, how gloomy it must have been, death laying at the door. Her and her son had to eat one little piece of the hoe cake and die. That was all of it. **And sometimes right in the midst of gloom that we hear the voice.**

When she picked up that second stick and started back, there was a voice come over the gate, said, "Fetch me a little water in a vessel."

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102 She turned to look with these two sticks in her hand, with the meal and oil mixed and ready. She said she'd dressed it, mixed it together. **That's what, the Word and the Spirit has to mix together, lay it upon the cross of self-sacrifice to deny anything that's contrary to what you've asked.** That's right. "I mixed it; now I'm going get these sticks."

And that voice said, "Bring me a little drink of water in a vessel.".....

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105.....She starts back with the sticks in her hand. And the voice thundered again. "Not only do you share your water, **but bring me a little morsel of bread in your hand.**" **Bread of Life, water of Life, was it of Life? She'd die as soon as that perished.....**

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108 What we hear then next? "But fetch me the little cake first." **God first.** No matter what anybody else says, what anything else, what any evidence, **how gloomy it looks, whatever it may be, take God first, His Word first.** "Doctor said I can't get well," but His Word first. "I'm too much of a sinner." "I'm a prostitute." "I'm a gambler." "I'm a drunkard." God's Word first. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; red like crimson, they'll be white like wool." First God...  
"Go bring me a little cake first. All that you've got bring it to me." Are you willing to give it into His hands?.....

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E-33.....And he said, "But first, make me a cake."

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all other things will be added unto you." **Put God first. Put His Word first. Put His Spirit first. Put Him first. Instead of that, we put Him last.**

"Bring me a little cake first."

What's she going to do? See if she's obedient to the Word. She turns and starts, not knowing why she's doing it. Men and women who are led by the Spirit of God sometimes do things they don't know they're doing. Turned and started into the house, and then she heard that voice again, that glorious word come from his mouth, "THUS SAITH THE LORD..." She knew who it was then.

"The barrel will not be empty, neither shall the cruse run dry, until the day the Lord God sends rain on the earth." **Why? She was willing. She put God first. She was sure that God would do something. She held on.**

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51.....Give me a preacher; give me a Christian; give me a housewife that's a Christian; give me a farmer or a factory



worker **that'll put God first in everything, I'll show you a man that'll be successful in the spite of all the devil can put on him. He seeks God first.....**

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112.....**She turns in obedience. That's what you've got to do.** And when she turned to obey what the prophet said do, then come the thunder from heaven that every man looks to hear. For there come a thunder out of the voice of the prophet that every sinner and every sick person longs to hear, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." How we long to hear it.

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### **I KINGS 17:15**

15 **AND SHE WENT AND DID ACCORDING TO THE SAYING OF ELIJAH:** and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

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116 She made the cake; she give it to the prophet. She went back and made some for her son and herself, and they eat and drank with plenty upon the earth. **Where did it come from? How did it get there?** Scientifically tell me where that meal come from. Where did that oil come from? How did it get in that cruse?

**SHE'D POURED IT DRY EVERY MORNING; SHE'D EMPTIED THE MEAL BARREL EVERY MORNING. AND IT WAS DRY, BUT WHEN SHE WENT BACK FOR MORE, IT WAS THERE.**

Where did it come from? Take God at His Word. Be certain of God. He's the Creator.

You might've lost your health. You might've lost your fellowship. Take Him at His Word. Be certain that He's God. **The gloomy times that's looking now may not look so gloomy if you'll just take His Word and be certain that He's God.**

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119 In Germany once I saw a picture, and it always stuck with me. A German painter has painted the--a picture that's--that's called "The Cloud Land." And when you see it off at a distance, it's the horriblest looking gloom you ever seen, just clouds matted together when you're looking at it from a long distance. But when you get real close to it, it changes; it's angels' wings beating together, singing hallelujahs to the Lord. **So that's what gloom is sometime.** If you look at it at a long distance, it looks gloomy and dark; but take God at His Word and be certain that He's God, **and move up close to it; you'll find out it's just angels' wings a-beating together.**

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120 She was somewhat like Abraham was, called on to give everything she had, lay it on the altar of sacrifice. Maybe you're called like that this morning: Give up your ways; give up your unbelief; give up everything you've got, **and then take the Oil and the Word and mix it together, and put it on a altar of self-sacrifice.** You'll find out it'll call God on the scene as certain as I'm standing in this pulpit.