

### Lesson 3

#### **Do you have spiritual B.O. It's a good thing!**

Before we move into the next area concerning despising, I want to take a look at a few examples of “youths” who suffered from being despised because of their godliness. These youths had a serious case of “spiritual B. O.”

Read Gen. 37 In this chapter we see Joseph being \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 5 by his \_\_\_\_\_. And in vs. 10 even his \_\_\_\_\_ rebuked him. All because Joseph conveyed a dream he received from God.

Sometimes God communicated messages through dreams.

In Gen. 20:6 God told \_\_\_\_\_ something in a dream.

In Gen. 31:10 God told \_\_\_\_\_ something in a dream.

Dreams were a part of Israel's program. Deut. 13:1-3, in verse 1 a dream was part of the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ provision for Israel.

In I Cor. 1:22 “The \_\_\_\_\_ require a \_\_\_\_\_...”

God's program with Israel has been temporarily set aside in the dispensation of grace, Rom. 11:11, 12. Dreams are not now God's method of communication. Knowledge is imparted to us, the Body of Christ, through the written Word of God. I Cor. 13:10, referring to the word of God, has been completed.

In I Cor. 2:10-13 the Spirit teaches us not with \_\_\_\_\_ which man's wisdom teacheth but which the Holy Ghost teacheth (words) comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

This was just a side note for any of you who might think you are a “dreamer”. Today if you're being despised for receiving messages from God in a dream, it's for good cause. Like the televangelist who was being ridiculed for saying God told him in a dream that Bush will win the election. God is not communicating through dreams today.

But Joseph became his family's enemy because he told them a message they didn't like. One reason they became so violent was that maybe they half believed him. They knew dreams were used by God and they would have no part of serving their brother even if it was God's plan!

Another example is found in Gen. 4:1-11. Cain was very \_\_\_\_\_ in vs. 5 because God accepted Abel's offering and not his. Cain's anger became so consuming that he \_\_\_\_\_ Able in vs. 8.

Paul says in Gal. 4:16 “Am I therefore become your \_\_\_\_\_, because I tell you the \_\_\_\_\_?” The truth Paul told the Galatians that turned them against him concerned their trying to gain acceptance with God by keeping the law.

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To preach that the cross alone secures our acceptance with God is an offense for which we also will find persecution. Gal. 6:14 “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”

None of us want to have B. O. but there is a “spiritual B. O.” that is fragrant to God.

II Cor. 2:14-16 “Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the \_\_\_\_\_ of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savor of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_; and to the other the savour of \_\_\_\_\_ unto \_\_\_\_\_.”

### Lesson 3 Comments

Answers to the blanks from lesson 3:

1. hated
2. brethren
3. father
4. Abimelech
5. Jacob
6. sign
7. wonder
8. Jews
9. sign
10. words
11. wrath
12. slew
13. enemy
14. truth
15. savour
16. sweet savor
17. death
18. death
19. life
20. life

I hope you've all been big "stinkers" this past week. If you miss my point go back and review lesson 3.

What a privilege to make known the knowledge of God in EVERY place.

We were in a restaurant this past week and at a nearby table a group of people were talking about the Passion movie. One man authoritatively stated that the movie showed us how Christ gave His all and we can receive His all (mercy, forgiveness and love) when we give our all. This man was talking about God but not making known the knowledge of God. This man's message was a stench to God! It's the "social" and "religious" gospel we hear so often. Promoting "self" as a necessary component for your salvation keeps people dead in their sins.

Only as we proclaim the good news about Christ are we a sweet fragrance to God. Gal. 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other \_\_\_\_\_ unto you, than that which we have preached unto you, let him be \_\_\_\_\_."

The preaching of faith in Christ as the living Savior who died for our sins, was buried and rose again is a sweet savor in the nostrils of God.

Eph. 5:2 "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given \_\_\_\_\_ for us an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ to God for a \_\_\_\_\_ savor."