Is There No Balm In Gilead?

Brother John G Alvarado

May 2, 2010
Jeremiah 8:22
Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?
One time in the Scripture. After the death of Ahab, one of Israel's most wicked kings, his son, Hezekiah followed him on his throne in Samaria. And one day while he was walking in the upper porch, he fell through the lattice, and he hurt himself, and he took
some sort of a disease. And then he called two of his men and sent them over to Ekron to consult his prophets, was he going to recover or not? And Elijah the Tishbite, being a true prophet of God, the Holy Spirit came to him in a
vision and told him, "Go up and stand in the way." God blocks the way. It's not easy to go to hell. It's hard to go to hell. God sends His messengers, and He sends His prophets; He sends His Gospel; He makes His Churches a flaming fire, and men constantly fight right over it. He sends It out over the ether waves
of the radio; He sends It over the television; He sends It by the published word; He sends It from lip to ear, and men constantly walk right over it.
15 But God sends His prophet to block it. "Why will you go to Ekron to the Beelzebub? Is it because there is no prophet in Israel? Is there no God there?" Is that the reason people today deliberately go to drunken parties, dance all night, gamble, cheat, try to make a lot of money? Is it
because that there is no pleasure in God? Is it because there is no God to give pleasure? The very reason that you thirst for that, is because that you're rejecting God. God made a man to thirst, but to thirst after Him.
16 Is there no pleasure in serving Christ? Is that the reason men continually drink, and go to the church for a covering? You've never tasted the Lord yet. You've never knowed how good He was. If man ever come to the fountain filled with Blood drawn from Immanuel's veins, once plunged beneath that, the sins of the
It reminds me of a man dying on a doctor's doorstep, a man die on a doctor's doorstep, because that he refuses to take the remedy for his disease. If the doctor's got the remedy for your disease, and you say, "I won't take it." You could set on his doorstep, that close to it, and you'd still die, because you refuse the remedy.
17 It wasn't because there wasn't a God in Israel; it wasn't because there wasn't a prophet down there; it was because the king was too stubborn. He hated the prophet. That's what's the matter today. There's satisfaction. There's healing for soul and body in God, in Christ, but the people are too stubborn. They're like
Hezekiah of long ago. They want to be modern. They hate the Gospel message. That's the reason they die in their sins on the church steps. Men set in the seats in their churches and die in sin, because they refuse God's remedy, the Holy Spirit. Not because He's not there; it's because they refuse to recognize It and receive It.
18 That king hated the prophet and his Gospel. So, he thought he could get some other way and get relief, satisfy his longing. Let me say to this--this to you, rather, tonight. My most beloved friends, you can never have satisfaction. You may own all the wealth there is in Tennessee.
You may live in the best house, and drive air conditioned Cadillacs by the fleet. You may be very popular on the dance floor. You may be the king of your party, the life and the fun of your group. But you'll never be satisfied until you've tasted God's Eternal Life by the Holy Spirit. That's God's Toxin.
That's the only thing. How they find toxin. They take a guinea pig. And they take toxin and work it out. And then they take this toxin and give it to a guinea pig. If it works all right on the guinea pig, then they give it to human beings. Sometimes it doesn't work well on the human being, because the guinea pig's
body is just not exactly like a human being. Some medicine will help some people and kill others. So there is a question on that, about taking the medicine. But there's no question on God's Balm, His Toxin; It works on whosoever will, let him come that he might drink from the fountain of the Lord. It's not questioned.