

**Devotional Thoughts :: THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST & THE SKULL OF ABIMELECH...****THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST & THE SKULL OF ABIMELECH... - posted by endlessjoe (), on: 2014/11/16 2:27**

TEXT: JUDGES 9:52-53 ; MARK 6:22-24

"And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull."

"And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom. And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist."

Abimelech and John the Baptist, had their head cruelty done away with: Abimelech's was crushed by an upper millstone while John's was beheaded. A keen and diligent student of the word of God, would discover that both acts of cruelty done to these two mighty men were prompted, either directly or indirectly, by the female folks.

In the case of Abimelech, a woman, from the top of a wall, cast a millstone which crushed his skull : so, Abimelech knowing he would die from this injury, ordered his armor bearer or his PA to draw his sword and kill him. Why? He surmised, that it would get down history that it was a woman(just a mere woman) killed him: against this Abimelech would fight with his last blood. "...it would be better to die by my armor bearer, who is a male folk, than to die by the hand of a woman" He said to himself. In time to come, question would be asked, "who killed Abimelech?" The answer would be, a woman.

On the other hand, John's head was cut off because, a beautiful girl, with great shape and contour danced before Herod, the king. Practically speaking, whenever a woman or any female folk dances, what the audience sees are not her face neither any part of her body but the region of the chest and the waist downward. So great dancer among these folks are those who can captivate the audience with these part of their bodies. If herod did not like these two part of his sister-in-law's daughter, he would not have ordered that John's head be cut off. So, what actually hastened John's death was a woman.

I see a subtle strategy by the enemy of mankind: he hunts for the heads of great men. Whenever he discovers that a man is going to be a thorn in his flesh, he sponsors women with millstones and great bodies into such life. Oh how many there are whose heads and skull have been crushed! How many there are, whose heads have been cut off! Imagine John the Baptist teaming up with Jesus to do ministry! It would have been a very corrosive effect on their generation. John's life was cut short: same thing with Abimelech.

When the news of the battle in which Uriah died came to David, he was eager to rebuke Joab and his battalion for going toward the wall of the city of their enemy. His reason would be what happened to Abimelech....Abimelech was mentioned in 2 Samuel 11(the smuggled and dark chapter of David). The difference between David and Abimelech in this respect was that, the woman that ended him was on the wall, above him and up there while in the case of David, he was the one on the wall or roof, the woman was down. Which ever position a woman takes in our lives, so far as they are not our wives, it could be dangerous. Care must be exercised. How shall it be written or said tomorrow about you? Will it be mentioned that: "...a woman killed you?" What will end you? Friends, anything that can end a man, if not ended by him, will eventually end him!

Keeping late hour appointment with a female folk that is not your wife can finish you. Jesus knew this: He met with the woman of Samaria during the day and in a public place but He accepted to see Nicodemus in the night. In the name of counselling, many brothers' and sisters' names have been cancel from the book of life. The twelve persons that Jesus chose to be with Him, were men! Why must your Secretary travel with you all the time? Why must you occasionally have

lunch with that beautiful and innocent employee of yours...what are you looking for?

You prefer to confer in your Secretary than your wife...like David, from a roof top(an exalted position) you have decided to stoop so low for that small girl that is of the age of your daughter because of lust...why have you begun to appreciate the seducing and revealing attires of your female employees instead of condemning them? By the means of a whore or a harlot a man can be reduced to a piece of bread...a wound and a reproach shall such a man get. Whoever sleeps with another man's wife lacks understanding...an aduteresss shall hunt for the precious soul!

Brothers and sisters, the devil is still looking for the heads of many Johns the Baptist! He is still interested in crushing the skulls of Abimelechs! A cup of milk in the hand Jael can send captain Siseriah to his early grave. See what happened to this man, great warrior, who left his life in the hand of a woman that was not his wife:

"And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle. And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No. Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died."

Did you notice that it was his head she pinned to the ground? Always the head! Take heed to your head! When your head is gone, you can neither talk, see, nor hear again! To be robbed of these three natural endowments, is as good as dead. May your anchor holds! Amen!
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