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The Poor Wiseman and His Wisdom

Once upon a time, there existed a little city, which was inhabited by very few people. A very powerful king came against the city and besieged it. The inhabitants were feeble and incapable of defending the city. And there was found in the city a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city from the hand of the oppressor (Ecclesiastics 9: 14-15).

The Holy Bible unfolds a similar event. After God created Adam and Eve, He made for them a beautiful Garden and placed them there. There were numerous trees laden with varieties of tasty fruits in that Garden. God told them "To eat of every tree of the garden freely, but not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and in the day that you eat thereof, you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). In that beautiful Garden City of the LORD, only these two inhabitants lived peacefully, tending the Garden of the LORD joyfully.

However, the joy and peace enjoyed by the couple were short-lived. One day a mighty evil king named Satan, who had deadly weapons of war, disguising himself as a Serpent came and confronted Eve, "Yea, has God said, you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" Eve replied, "Of course not, we can eat of all the trees of our choice, save the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for if we do eat, we shall die." "Oh! No," said the Serpent, "You shall not surely die. God knows that if you eat, you will be wise like God". Eve believed the lie of Satan, ate the fruit and so did Adam. They thus fell into sin and felt ashamed to meet the LORD as usual and hid behind bushes. Thus, sin entered the world and death by sin came to the

posterity of Adam, thus all sinned. The entire city, the world, all over, is filled with the stink of death and eternal doom!

Jesus Christ came to this earth as a poor Wiseman to save the helpless descendants of Adam. He became so poor that he had no possessions and no place to lay His head, but He was filled with amazing wisdom to save the inhabitants of the earth from eternal death and devastation. He is the Son of God, manifested in the flesh. He said, "Except a corn of wheat fall to the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit" (John 12:24). Jesus Christ, the immortal seed, fell to the ground by His incarnation two thousand years ago. He submitted to the laws of mortality, shed His precious blood, and offered Himself on the cross and thus paid the price for saving them that are under the stink of death.

Jesus was buried as a seed gets buried and He lay in the grave. Nevertheless, He rose again on the third day with fresh shoots of life and immortality, and so He gathered unto Himself through His death and resurrection a numerous harvest of souls; making thereby many sons unto glory. The message of the cross might sound foolish to those who are destined to perish; but to those who obey, it is the power of God unto salvation. Eternal life is more precious than all the fame, wealth, and success pursued by the world.

Dear reader, are you saved from the jaws of eternal death? If not, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved right now!

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