

LET THE DEAD BURY THEIR DEAD

There is always a debt that everybody must pay. Even when you don't believe it you will still pay the debt. For the Bible says, "it is appointed for [all] men once to die, and after that the [certain] judgment," Heb 9:27

Let me begin this journey with the story of one man I know perfectly well. His name was Opino Batomi. He lived in a good condition as per say. He was brought up in a godly family with outstanding qualities that most of us at this time will wish we were in his state. All was in place for him. However, there was something missing in his life. The missing link between life now and life after now. Let me pause this story for a while to ask you this question. Do you know that one day this world will be no more? Do you know that a day is coming when you will be of late? Do you know that at the end of the day you will have to answer for what you did here while living your life on earth? These are the questions that Mr. Opino will hardly give another thought. To him life will just keep on. Once Mr. Opino was reminded that he would one day be dead. In response to this question, he said, 'it will have to happen to other not me.' When he was asked the reason he was so positive, he said, 'Because I am still very young and have all it takes to sustain my life.' Well Mr. Opino might be right in his own estimation. But unfortunately, however, he was highly misled.

You might be in the very position now. You think that as long as you are breathing you can say anything and do anything that your heart tells you to do. To my observation this is the greatest mistake of young men in this generation. We think that we can hit a stone with our legs and it scatters into halves. Sadly, however, we discover that when we hit the stone it was our bodies that were affected and not the stone.

Now because of who he was and where Mr. Opino was coming from and the wealth that he had, he began to involve himself into booze (alcohol). He went to parties offend and drank heavily and had friends. Some people went to him to advice him that what he was doing was not healthy both to the community and to his personal health. One Good Samaritan advised him, saying, 'if you will not have a break you will breakdown.' Opino gave deft ears to this and went just ahead with what he felt as doing in this life.

Not very long Mr. Opino began to go with different girls without checking the health status of the persons concern. Because of the wealth he thought he had, he joined the gambling team and started trying to win the jackpot. You might be in this mess at the moment and you don't know what to do. May be all those who surround you are all sycophant they cannot tell you the truth. All they are after is to get the bread and butter that you are offering them. Listen to the word of the wise. 'You will surely break of you do not take this advice and begin to find a way out of the situation.'

Mr. Opino began to come home late to his wife and children, when he was asked by the wife the reason for the late coming he attributed it to the office work. But in that too he was telling lies to the wife whom he used to adore and love for the couple of years that they have live together. Before long the marriage began to disintegrate in his very eyes.

The story of Mr. Opino still continues. This time because of his life that has become so loosed he began to go about with those who smoke marijuana {opium}. You will only live around me to see such people and the way they behave. Will you believe that even in this Mr. Opino could not have a break? Life went on as usual. He did not want anybody to tell him what to do.

You have a better position because you are still alive. You can still make a decision at this moment to change for the better. You can change and drop those unwanted and unhealthy boyfriends or girlfriends that are trooping into your life. Do you know that more that 60% of the girls and boys out there are AIDS carriers? You cannot know that they are virused until there is a scan done to them. If you live carelessly your life will end carelessly. Mr. Opino on his deathbed was having multiply problem. Few of them that I can mention are H.I V, lungs Infection, nervous breakdown, and high blood pressure. This is as a reason of combination of stress.

Now notice that the day you will die the caliber of people who will come for your burial will be the persons you would spend eternity with. For instance if you were a drug addict, your funeral will be full of them. If you were a public harlot all the harlots will attend your funeral. If you were a Christian the place will be full of people talking Jesus. If you were a drunk, the place will be full of alcoholic drinkers. If you were an armed robber the place will be full of them. If you were a crook then you will have the whole caravan full of them. This is what Jesus was trying to convey in the story am about to call your attention to.

The Bible says, "Another of the disciples said to Him, Lord, let me first go and bury [care for till death] my father. But Jesus said to him, Follow Me, and leave the dead [in sin] to bury their own dead." Matt 8:21-22 {Amp} **Everybody if found in a camp of people who are doing what He/she is doing . many people use to say ' if I will be in hell of Heaven I don't know' It looks like it is a true saying but I want to call your attention to the fact that if you are a thief nobody needs to tell you that. If you are a taker of bribe you don't need to be told. You better know yourself that other do know you. You might try to pretend in the midst of people but deep within you there is something that tell you the type of person you are.**

Now let me tell you that no matter how you pretend in the company of people there is something that keeps reminding you that there is a world beyond this. At times you wake up at the middle of the night with this question, 'Where is this going and where is it going to end?' You are not the only person with this unanswered question in life. All of us on Earth have the same hunger inside of us. This hunger which I call *'Hunger For Realities'* **can be satisfied based on some principles. The reason why you are hungry for it is that we are all created for eternity. The Bible confirms this by saying,** "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has planted eternity in men's hearts {and} minds [a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy], yet so that men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end" Eccl 3:11 {Amp} **We are created for Him and by Him and through Him so that we can live for Him. Anything other than this will pose a problem in our spiritual upkeep. You are rich and well favored. You are beautiful and handsome. You are influential and famous. You are educated and talented. But you are not satisfied with that. The reason is that your spirit is empty. In a very few words I will show you how to fill this void.**

Step 1* **You must realize that the scriptures that we have just read indicated that only one person can fill this void. According to the Amplified version of the Holy Bible it is [a divinely implanted sense of a purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy] . If you think something else will do then you will remain empty all the days of your life. You might have discovered that you have tried others things and it did not satisfy. Maybe you have tried booze, sex, money, fame, influence, etc but have realized that it did not work. This time you need to try God. This is what Jesus is telling you, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden {and} overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.] "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink!" Matt 11:28 & John 7:37 {Amp}. You will have to develop a desire to satisfy this hunger by willingly coming to Jesus.**

Step 2* **You will need to change camp. All that you have tried belong to the camp of the devil. If you will see God you will need to come down from the ladder on which you used to be and seek for Him. For Zacchaeus to meet with Jesus he had to come down from the sycamore tree. The Bible confirmed this action by saying,** "And when Jesus reached the place, He looked up and said to him, Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today. So he hurried and came down, and he received {and} welcomed Him joyfully." 19:5-6 {Amp} **In terms of money this man was rich, famous, influential etc but he had to seek to satisfy his deepest hunger. To get to it you will need to take this step too. Forget about your position and go for God and He will come to you. Remember that no matter how famous or influential that you are, you cannot be more famous or more influential than God.**

Step 3* **You will have to tell others that you belong to this Jesus no matter how ridiculous it may be at the beginning. Look at this: Jesus emphatically and bluntly said,** "For whoever is ashamed [here and now] of Me and My words in this adulterous (unfaithful) and [preeminently] sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory (splendor and majesty) of His Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38 {Amp}

Step 4* **You will have to get to a place where you will fellowship. Not just any fellowship place. But a place where the truth will be exposed to you. Many people don't like such places for they will not like to be confronted with the total truth. However, if you take this final step you will truly change camp and learn the ways of God. Try this now and you will see the difference between light and darkness**