

The Book of Incarnations!
Part 3: Every Grain of Salt!
Slide Notations

“Incarnation” All Scripture is given by *inspiration of God*, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, *that the man of God may be fresh and complete, thoroughly equipped to finish out every good work.* **2T3.16,17**

The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes! We’re telling you that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God Himself took shape before us. We saw it, we heard it, and now we’re telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Our motive for writing is simple: We want you to enjoy it, too. **1J.1,2,3**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1.14**

The whole reason that God sent Jesus and gave us His Spirit and left us His word was so that His kingdom could come alive for us!

The inspired word of God needs to come alive and walk thru life with us! It needs to be more than a collection of stories about others... it must become *a testimony of God’s work in us!*

***Inspiration* puts a thought in our minds that evaporates with the next demand... *Incarnation* puts muscle in the room to help us face our demands!**

The cure for everything that ails us is the transformation that comes from the presence of God in our lives! Who chooses sin in the presence of a loving and holy God and Father?

Exodus 15.22-25 Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea and they journeyed three days into the wilderness and needed water. And they came to the waters of Marah and could not drink because it was bitter. The people cried and complained about Moses and the Lord showed him a tree which when he cast it in the waters they were made sweet... and there He proved them!

The Breathed Parts... *It doesn’t take long for us to forget our last victory moment with God!* 3 days out from some of the greatest miracles ever recorded! Seven plagues of Egypt, leaving rich! Parted Red Sea becomes the dead sea! Being led by a pillar of fire/smoke! Inattentive to their own past experiences!

Our sense of need can overdramatize our true condition! They weren’t out of water In 3 days... The ‘fear’ of need was up in their face! *We cry too easily and complain too quickly!* Were they being led by a maniac into the desert to die or by God to a promised land?

God has a plan to care for us, and can do anything to accomplish it! A branch/tree thrown in the water...? Even if the tree had medicinal qualities... How long would it have taken for it to spread thru enough water for 3mil people? **Very inspirational story!** Stretches the mind/smiles the face!

Incarnation... *Know God, decide about God, stick with your decision and improve it! Stop worrying about things before their time!* **Mt6.34** Complaining means there is no faith! Moses came to God/they came to Moses Just “proof” issues/showing the hearts! Don’t turn away too soon, you’ll miss your miracle! Tasted it and turned in disgust/despair! ***When life gets bitter come to the tree where everything it touches is made better!***

2Kings 2.19-22 The situation of this city is pleasant as anyone can see, but the water is bad, and because of it the ground is barren. And Elisha said, bring me a new cruse and put some salt in it, and they brought it and he threw

the salt in the water and said, Thus says the Lord, I have healed these waters and they will not produce death or barrenness any more – and so the waters were healed to this day!

The Breathed Parts... *This is a flat out miracle work of God!* “Signs and Wonders” are part of God’s kingdom! Signs that make you wonder! Salt, in any kind of pot, does not heal bad water... it makes it brackish! And no carry out container of “preservative” is enough for a reservoir! **Very inspirational story!**

Incarnation... *Life is supposed to be beautiful, but something unseen makes it barren!* Jericho has much to commend it... but its source of life is poisoned! Beautiful couple/edge of divorce! Beautiful woman/bad heart! Successful business/house of cards! Beautiful city/corrupt government! What is the “stuff” that needs healing? ***The work of true purity has been placed in “new vessels!”*** NT Believers are the only ones capable of delivering a gospel of true healing! What couldn’t be accomplished under the old covenant/fulfilled in the new! “He is the potter and we are the clay!” “He puts His treasure in earthen vessels!” ***When life is barren bring on the “salt!”*** The ocean is called “the great chemical bath of the world!” Salt is a well-known preservative! “You are the salt of the earth. **Mt5.13** But if the salt loses its potency [by lack of discipline **Mk9.50**, or lack of commitment **Lk14.34**] it is only good to be thrown on the road...”

So... when life gets bitter for people of God we come to the tree to be healed and refreshed... Because we have a mission to fulfill on behalf of the barren people of the world...

And the Lord needs every single one of us, making way toward His promise... to “salt” as many people as we can!

“Somxtimxs I gxt to thinking that I don't mattxr. But whxn I start thinking that way I rxmxbx my old typxwritxr. Onx day, onx of the kxys stoppxd working and rxally mxssxd vxrything up. So whxn I'm txmpted to say, I'm only onx pxrson, I don't make much diffxrnce, I rxmxbx my old typxwritxr. And I say to mysxlf: “I am a kxy pxrson and nxxdxd vxry much!” (Adapted from “Inside the Magic Kingdom”)