

Aaron

The Little Drummer Boy and the Wonderful Unexpected Gifts of the LORD

Let us for a moment follow in the footsteps of the Little Drummer Boy. His story begins as does the Story of Mary and Joseph as they begin their journey to Bethlehem.

Luke 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.² (*And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.*) ³And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) ⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Aaron, the little drummer boy also found himself on a journey but under very different circumstances. He was taken captive by the Ben Hamed and put into his traveling show. Aaron carried hatred in his heart for the loss of his parents due to desert bandits. At times, like all of us life had treated him badly and he was bitter of his circumstances. Because of this bitterness he hated humanity and was in darkness.

1John 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

Aaron and his captors met up with the wise men as they were on their way to see the Christ Child. Against Aaron's will his camel (Joshua) was sold to the wise men. Aaron was later freed by Ben Hamed and he and his lamb (Baba) and his donkey (Samson) left to search for Joshua and they saw the star; the same star the wise men were following. Both the little drummer boy and the wise men were searching for something.

Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

¹Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, ² Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

⁹When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. ¹¹And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

The Wise Men followed the star to come and worship Him of whom the prophet Balaam spoke of. They gave Him gold because they recognized it was a proper gift for a king. They gave him frankincense because that is what a high priest used when he went into the temple to represent the people before God. They gave Him myrrh because they recognized that this King would die for the world.

Numbers 24:17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

And so followed Aaron the star but for very different reasons; he followed the star to find his camel; but he found so much more. As they searched the City Baba the little lamb is run over by a chariot and badly injured. Aaron seeing one of the wise men asks him to help; but the wise man explains that what the little lamb needs he cannot give, but points him to the one King who can; the Christ Child. And so it is that often we come to Christ, desperate, lonely, and bitter; for in Him only; we find what we need.

Aaron has no gifts to bring, he has no silver, gold, frankincense or myrrh; all he has is himself and his drum and with all that he has he begins to play for the Christ Child. It is enough.

Luke 21:1-4 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. ²And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. ³ And he said, **Of a truth I say unto you, that this**

poor widow hath cast in more than they all: 4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

And the Little Drummer Boy Played.

‘Come they told me,
A new born king to see.
Our finest gifts we bring,
To lay before the king,
So to honor him
when we come.

I have no gift to bring
that's fit to give the king.
Shall I play for you
on my drum?

Mary nodded.
The ox and lamb kept time.
I played my drum for him.

I played my best for him.
Then He smiled at me,
me and my drum.’

-Katherine Kennicott Davis

It is important to note that the Little Drummer Boy did not present the drum as the gift but rather he presented the talent of playing the drum as his gift. He gave of his talent and the Christ Child smiled. What gifts do you bring before the LORD? He desires not riches for He is God and the whole universe is His. What he desires is you.

1Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

As the story goes: “Aaron's heart was filled with joy and love. And he knew at last that the hate he had carried was wrong. As ALL hatred will ever be wrong. For more powerful, more beautiful by far than all the eons of sadness and cruelty and desolation which had come before, was that one tiny, crystalline second of laughter. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” – *Narrator from The Little Drummer Boy*

It is important to note that as Aaron finished playing his lamb Baba was restored and made whole and so was Aaron; for his bitterness and hatred were gone. You see when Aaron put the need of his little lamb before his hatred and bitterness and brought his gift before the Christ Child he received the Joy and Peace that only Jesus can give. “*I played my best for Him. Then He smiled at me...*” A smile from Jesus will do that you know.

We all may come to the LORD in different circumstances and with different needs, and often times we will receive something greater than what we were seeking; sometimes according to His will in that most precious moment the LORD does something wonderful. Aaron sought help for his lamb; but he received something unexpected and wonderful; just like the lame man at the gate.

Act 3:1-10

1Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*. 2And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. 4And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. 5And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 6Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have given I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and

walk. 7And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. 9 all the people saw him walking and praising God: 10And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

† The gate of the temple which is called Beautiful ('Beautiful = ho-rah'-yos From G5610; belonging to the right hour or season (timely), that is, (by implication) flourishing (beauteous [figuratively]): - beautiful.

Beautiful indeed as is all God's Grace and Mercy. Such as Peter had the power to do in Jesus name he did give to the lame man. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ we should have the same mind as Peter in that such as we have we should give to the lost; our testimony and our witness of the power of the Holy Spirit; giving the gift of the Gospel to those lost and spiritually lame around us.

We should not only give as Peter gave of his gift; but beloved we should receive as the lame man received with joy, leaping and praising God for our gift of Salvation and the Holy Spirit. For who leaves their gift unwrapped? Rather do we not readily open it with joy and thankfulness? Should we not display our gifts that others may witness the joy and peace we have in the LORD JESUS?! Beloved do you show your gift in such a way that others even know you have it?

Act 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Amen to that.

THE GIFT

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

John 3:16 God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of God:*

I think perhaps the Grinch said it best-

"It came without ribbons, It came without tags, It came without packages, boxes or bags
He puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore. Then he thought of something he hadn't before. Maybe Christmas he thought doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more." - *The Grinch*

Aaron, the little drummer boy found it, Peter found it, the lame man found it and beloved if you have accepted Jesus as Saviour you have found it; and if you haven't accepted Jesus as Saviour; you can find it. **Matthew 7:7** *Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

Beloved may our hearts be so full but that we cannot help but to speak of the unspeakable gift not only in words, but in our walk and obedience in sharing the GOOD NEWS of the most precious gift; the Saviour of the World JESUS THE CHRIST.

Merry Christmas

JESUS SAVES-To Go be the Glory

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