

II Kings 2:19-25 Dealing with bitterness and adversity

After searching for Elijah for 3 days in Jericho

19-22 Polluted Water

Introduction: Jericho

Jericho is a picture of the world; it is 5 miles west of the river Jordan. HOT BARREN And HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT

The Most Serious pollution is sin

The greatest causes of environmental and social decay are spiritual Deuteronomy 28:15-68 V 15 -24 V47

God is HOLY

It is very important that we do not defile God's holiness with idolatry. Exodus 32

Our character as ambassadors of Christ is important. Do not degrade your character.

Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11) and Achan (Joshua6:26-7)

The Sabbath and your parents are ordained by God as important. Do not pollute their position Marriage and sexuality are sacred. The Church is the bride of Christ they are pure.

Sins effect on the world

Jesus speaks how sin destroys the world and is the reason for his return. Matthew 24

Sin effects the world. Genesis 3:17-19

Purified New World

God heals the world! Ezekiel 47:1-10

The promise of the renovation of the earth is Christian Hope! Rev 21: 1-5

Nothing Impure will enter it! Revelation 21:27

There will no longer be any curse because sin has finally been eliminated from God's creation! Revelation 22:1-2

The LORD has healed this water – Jehovah Rophi

Turning to the right solution

Elisha was a thermostat rather than a thermometer. An agent of Change

Agents of Change will have three features

1 BE CLEAN

I Peter 1:15-16 & 22-23 "Bring me a new bowl"

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 A New believer is someone who lives undefiled.

2 PUT SALT IN IT

Matthew 5:13 Salt is a preservative, it arrests corruption, and is used as an additive.

Luke 14:34 Do not leave salt laying around it will become worthless.

Salt destroys bacteria and slows decay is necessary for all animal life.

### 3 SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY

I have healed this water

John 10:10 Jesus came into the world to undo the damage that sin and Satan have done to the universe.

Hebrew 2:17-18 God seems remote; Jesus came near to bring us God's personal salvation.

Exodus 15 Turn the bareness of your world and into an oasis of life.

God heals the water – Marah

BALDHEAD - This passage offends

### PREPARE TO BE ATTACKED

Victory for the LORD is followed by a counterattack from the enemy! John 16:33

NOT BOYS maybe in their thirties. 42 of them

This does not appear to be a joke.

They showed contempt for God's authority

### THE CURSE

Deuteronomy 28:15-68 Godliness is not necessarily to be equated with niceness.

A curse is when man or God speaks against you and invokes harm upon you as a judgement.

We must view with equal seriousness the mockery of the church, the Bible, and Christian ministers.

### GOD'S VENGEANCE

PSALM 105 :15 Do not touch my anointed ones do my prophets no harm

When God speaks up for you no man can speak against you but when God speaks out against you no man can speak up for you