

# Death in the Pot

## GOD'S REMEDY FOR A POISONED WORLD



### ***Death in the Pot: God's Remedy for a Poisoned World***

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**Text:** 2 Kings 4:38–41 (ESV)

**Main Idea:** Even when we unknowingly invite poison into our lives, Jesus, the Bread of Life, steps in to transform what's deadly into what's life-giving. What Elisha did with flour, Jesus does through the cross.

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## **I. The Reality of a Poisoned World (vv. 38–40)**

### **A. Ignorance Doesn't Cancel Consequences**

- “Not knowing what they were” (v. 39)
- *Proverbs 14:12*: “There is a way that seems right...”
- Good intentions ≠ good outcomes

*“We can ignore reality, but not the consequences.” – Ayn Rand*

### **B. Poison Often Masquerades as Provision**

- The wild gourds looked like food
- *2 Cor. 11:14*: “Satan disguises himself...”

*“Not everything that feeds your ego feeds your soul.” – Unknown*

### **C. Hunger Makes Us Vulnerable**

- There was famine in the land
- *Amos 8:11*: “A famine of hearing the words of the Lord”

*“Starved of purpose... feast on anything.” – Mark Sayers*

## **II. The Power of Divine Intervention (v. 41)**

### **A. God Doesn't Discard What We Poison**

- Elisha said, "Bring flour"
- *Isaiah 61:3*: Beauty for ashes

*"Grace doesn't clean up nice people. It resurrects dead people." – Paul Tripp*

### **B. Flour is a Foreshadowing of Christ**

- *John 6:35*: "I am the bread of life"
- *Gal. 3:13*: "Christ redeemed us..."

*"He became what we are to make us what He is." – Athanasius*

### **C. God's Cure is Immediate & Effective**

- "Pour some out... that they may eat."
- *2 Cor. 5:17*: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."

## **III. The Invitation to a Redeemed Life**

### **A. From Death to Life**

- *Romans 6:23*: "The wages of sin is death..."
- God doesn't just heal—He redeems.

### **B. You Will Feed Others What You've Consumed**

- *Luke 6:45*: "Out of the heart his mouth speaks"

*"The gospel is not advice... it's news to be believed and shared." – Tim Keller*

### **C. The Gospel is Not Advice—It's an Antidote**

- *John 10:10*: "I came... that they may have life"

*"Jesus doesn't remove you from the world—He purifies your presence in it." – Rich Villodas*

## **Conclusion**

If your pot is poisoned, cry out: “There is death in the pot.”

Jesus is the flour. He is the Bread of Life. He can make the deadly stew nourishing again.

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## **Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we confess—we’ve consumed what poisoned us. But we cry out: intervene. Add grace to our mess. Redeem what we’ve ruined. Make us whole. In Your name, Amen.