

- Death in the Pot." 2-Kings 4:38-41.
- 1-Tonight we may consider ourselves transported to Gilgal and gain a glimpse into the interior of the prophetic school.
    - 1-Gilgal means; "a circle of stones."
    - 2-There are three Gilgals mentioned in scripture...
      - 1-A place between Jericho and the Jordan.
        - 1-Where Israel camped after crossing the Jordan.
        - 2-Twelve memorial stones taken from the bed of the river were erected here.
        - 3-The circumcision of those born in the wilderness was observed here. Jos.4;5.
      - 2-Jos.12:23; The king of the nations of Gilgal is spoken of.
      - 3-The Gilgal of Elijah and Elisha: Likely on the top of a high hill about 8 miles North West of Bethel which explains the statement of 2-Kings 2:2; They, Elijah and Elisha, went down to Bethel.
  - 2-A school of religious instructions;
    - 1-Elisha is there and, "the sons of the prophets" are "sitting before him", receiving his instructions. There is a dearth of temporal provisions, but not of spiritual.
    - 2-They enjoyed religious fellowship:
      - 1-The famine has not sufficed to break up the little community, but has drawn the members of it, as trial should always do, closer together. Psalms 133:1; Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.
    - 3-Religious order of the school: Elisha the spiritual director: Temporal director. They all obeyed Elisha: They all appealed to him when trouble came.
    - 4-In this school they had a common table around which they all sat. Elisha, like a good captain, was willing to share the hardships of his army.

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- 1-The great pot is set on to seethe pottage in and one goes out to gather herbs to eke out the scanty supply of food.
  - 2-The poisonous gourd: We may learn two lessons.
    - 1-The danger of being deceived by appearances.
    - 2-Things often are not what they seem.  
The most plausible errors are those which bear a superficial resemblance to great truths.
    - 3-We need to have our senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Heb.5:14.
    - 4-The best intentions may lead to sad mistakes.
      - 1-The important point:  
Our intentions, however good, cannot prevent things from acting according to their real nature.
    - 5-Poisonous principles are as harmful in their influence when promulgated in ignorance, as when diffused with the fullest knowledge of their deadly character.
      - 1-The person who gathered the gourds thought them innocuous; but they produced their poisonous effect just the same.
  - 3-The timely discovery: THE CRY WAS RAISED....  
"O thou man of God, there is death in the pot!"
    - 1-THE LESSON:  
One poisonous ingredient had destroyed the value of much wholesome food, and I might add badly needed food.
    - 2-Through it the whole mixture was rendered deadly.
    - 3-The gospel itself may be adulterated with specious lies which destroy its power for good.
    - 4-REGARDING THINGS MORAL:
      - 1-Many who know, who at least have been warned, that there is "death in the pot," go on eating of it. Romans 6:23.....
  - 4-THE POTTAGE HEALED: "Bring meal and put it in the pot."

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