

[Three Idiots-All is Well]

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'3 Idiots' is the one of the famous movies in India. This tells the story of three very different young people entering an engineering school, overcoming many difficulties, and becoming happy. The film features dances and songs unique to Bollywood, one of which is "All is well."

There are also three idiots in the today's text. They shout, "All is well." Let us meet them one by one.

[Hosea^[ESV] 4:4b, 8]

4 for with you is my contention, O priest.

8They feed on the sin of my people; they are greedy for their iniquity.

The first idiots are priests. All priests should show God to the people and make them the right worshippers. However, the priests at that time made people dependent on 'ancestral rites. The priests always said, even if people do not listen to God, they can be forgiven,

"It's okay, I can get rid of your sins with your sacrifices. If you bring an expensive, big sacrifice, I'll wash your sins away. Whatever you did, it's okay. Did you commit same sin again? Just bring a lot of sacrifices. All is well!"

[Hosea^[ESV] 4:5]

You shall stumble by day; the prophet also shall stumble with you by night; and I will destroy your mother.

The second idiots are the prophets. Their job is to convey to people what God has said, but the prophets said only the words that they would like to hear. Their word was not from God. Do you know king Ahab, the evilest king in Israeli history? He gathered 400 prophets of God ahead of the war and asked God's thoughts on war, then they all said that Ahab's victory is God's will. However, the failure and death of Ahab were God's will. This shows how many false prophets there were in Israel. They said, "All is Well," Everything will be fine. It is ok to serve Baal, Asherah, and God together! They are the same! It is peace no matter what!"

[Hosea^[ESV] 4:11-12]

11 whoredom, wine, and new wine, which take away the understanding.

12 My people inquire of a piece of wood, and their walking staff gives them oracles. For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray, and they have left their God to play the whore.

The third idiots are those people. They could not find the right way because of the other two idiots. The priests and prophets

did not guide them correctly. But regardless they had taught the people right about God, they would have sinned. Look at the Bible's 1 Kings, it can prove. The king, the prophets, and the priests united and tried to lead the people to God. But people never stopped worshipping idols.

[Jeremiah_(ESV) 25:3]

For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, to this day, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but you have not listened.

Furthermore, when the king, priests, and prophets were all corrupted, could people know God? It is impossible. They habitually called God's name but did not really worship God. The act they thought of as 'worship' was actually idolatry. The joy they sought was the joy through idols. They enjoyed the sexual pleasures of serving idols. Nevertheless, they always shouted like this. "Look how well we serve God. We are descendants of Abraham. All is well! "

These are the three idiots that the Bible shows us today. All is Well? Really? Their country will perish soon. It was going terrible.

So, what should they do for the real "All is well"? It's simple. Go back to where they were. The priest, the prophet, and the people of God. Go back to their original place, and the priest leads the people according to God's word, The prophet delivers the voice of God, not what people want, and the people obey it. To put it more simply, 'Only by the Scripture.' This is what we need now. 'Only by the Scripture. '

These days, it is hard to find people who believe "as Bible said," and try to live "as Bible said". Most Christians believe roughly and live roughly. But they always say like this. "It is okay because I go to church, all is well" That's not true. We have to be people who believe "Only by the Scripture" and live "Only by the Scripture." Is not this why Jesus came to this land and gave the gospel?

[John_(ESV) 15:7]

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

When Jesus is in me and Jesus' words are in me, and what I want and what Jesus wants becomes one, everything I want comes true. This is the real "All is Well." The true gospel makes us seek this unity.

Please do not say "All is well! because I go to church." When His words move inside of me, the true 'All is well' is completed.