



THE BROOKSVILLE BULLETIN

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Are We Running On The Wrong Fuel? (Andrew Roberts)

Have you seen the commercial where a young lady is at a gas station trying to put diesel fuel into her new car? People all around the service station notice and try to stop her. Events begin to happen in slow motion. As she lifts the nozzle and opens her fuel cap, the townspeople are running and yelling and waving their arms to gain her attention. But no one can stop her!

The commercial returns to real-time as the neighbors arrive at the pump, only to find that her sporty little car actually has a diesel engine under the hood. The people look relieved, and the young lady looks confused – she knew she had selected the right fuel all along.

The commercial is hilarious because everyone knows what happens when you put diesel fuel into a gasoline engine – you wreck

the engine! You cannot do it. It does not work.

Likewise, people are designed by God to run on certain "fuel," but how many of us are trying to run on the wrong fuel? Notice the invitation extended by God's prophet Isaiah.



"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David. (Isaiah 55:1-3)

Why do we spend all of our money, time, and energies on things that do not satisfy, that is, on the wrong fuel? Greed, materialism, gluttony, and



It's Only Two Inches (Carl McMurray)

mammon – all these give the appearance of satisfying our souls and bringing purpose to our lives. But they fail. We were made to run on different fuel – the Word of God (Matthew 4:3-4).

Until we stop trying to fill our hearts and lives with poor substitutes for a right relationship with God, we are wrecked engines trying to run on the wrong fuel. Isaiah's invitation resonates with all who realize that their own attempts at joy, peace, and abundance have only ended in frustrations and yearnings.

It is time for something different, something more. It is time to feed our lives with the right fuel. It is time we trust and obey God's Word.

The Reward Of Perseverance

There's no skill in easy sailing
When the skies are clear and blue.
There's no joy in merely doing
Things that anyone can do.

But there is great satisfaction
That is mighty sweet to take
When you reach a destination
You thought you couldn't make.

Surely two inches wouldn't make much difference, would it? If you were watching the Olympic finals of the women's gymnastics however, you know that's not true. Mystified, we saw the top female gymnasts in the world tumble off the pommel horse landing face down, face up, and stumbling to the mat. The American said, "I just didn't know, I thought it was me."

Commentators and coaches discussed the tragic mistake that threw off the timing and heights for these athletes and the devastating effect it had on their following exercises. And what was the historic blunder? The "horse" was set up incorrectly, two inches lower than the height standard used all around the world.

Believing what Solomon wrote in Proverbs 1:20, "Wisdom shouts in the streets," I began to wonder what lessons were being "shouted" out. The main one that occurred to me was ... little things DO count!

Two inches was enough to bring world class athletes stumbling to the mat. Years of work and thousands of hours training meant nothing when their "standard" was ignored.

Little things will mean a lot to each of us also, however. Little things like stopping and spending a few moments now with our

children instead of pushing them off until later. Little things like walking across an auditorium or foyer to warmly greet a visitor when that might be left to elders or others. Little things like teaching a class now rather than delaying it until a time when everything is more convenient for me. Little things like stepping forward to be baptized instead of putting it off, or acknowledging our own wrongdoing instead of blaming another. Even a little thing like setting my schedule so I can attend and support the conference next week or any other effort the church makes to reach out or do God's will.

Little things can mean the difference in the long tumbling run of life between "sticking" that landing on one's feet or hitting the mat as a loser in this "Christian" exercise. Don't ever let yourself believe that little things don't count. No one is going to want to come "two inches" short on judgment day.

Medals Or Scars

Where are the marks of the cross in your life? Are there any points of identification with your Lord? Alas, too many Christians wear medals but carry no scars. (Vance Havner)

The will of God never takes you to where the grace of God will not protect you.

The Baruch Bulla

"Now it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: 'Take a scroll of a book and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the adversities



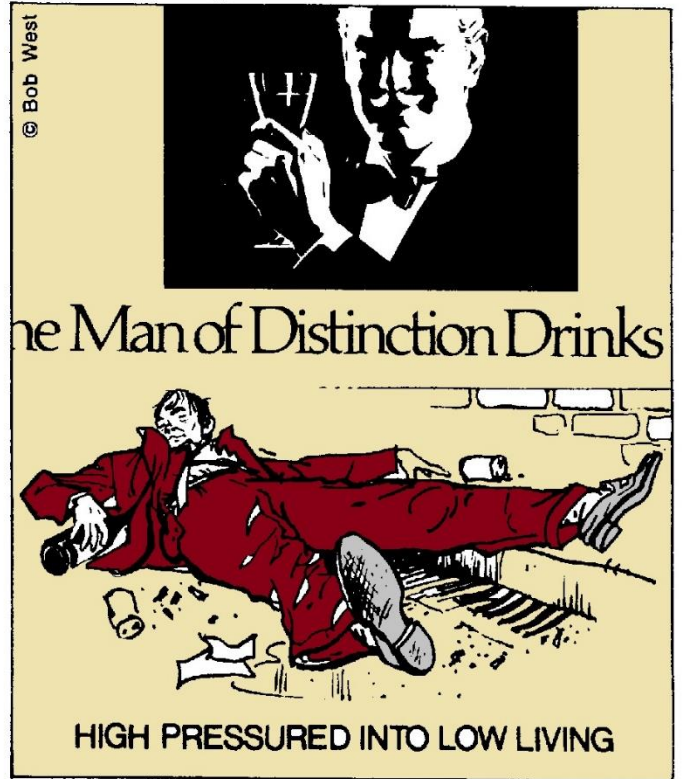
which I purpose to bring upon them, that everyone may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.' Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote on a scroll of a book, at the instruction of Jeremiah, all the words of the Lord which He had spoken to him." (Jeremiah 36:1-4)

In 1975 approximately 200 clay bullae turned up in the hands of a Palestinian antiquities dealer. One of those bullae (measuring 0.67" x 0.63") contained an

inscription in Paleo-Hebrew on three lines: “Belonging to Berechiah (Baruch) son of Neriah the scribe.” Berechiah is the name Baruch with the abbreviated divine name (yah) attached at the end. The bulla is dated to the late 7th or early 6th century BC.

A second bulla with an identical inscription surfaced in 1996. Both were made from the same seal. Interestingly, the second seal contained a fingerprint on the upper left corner. While we cannot be certain, perhaps this is the fingerprint of Baruch himself.

Our Religious World



- ✓ Jesus died for you. Will you live for Him?
- ✓ Man’s way leads to a hopeless end. God’s way leads to an endless hope.
- ✓ A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- ✓ God doesn’t want shares of your life. He wants a controlling interest.
- ✓ Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a facelift.



July 14 – Jason Longstreth
 God Is Not A Man
Numbers 23:19

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Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)
 Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)
 Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

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 ☞ Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; The saints in Nicaragua

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