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Container for liquids

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Wineskin



Container for liquids



Made from goat's skin



BUY from pasar malam?

Made from goat's skin



Branded – HERMES?



Owala – cold H2O 24hrs



Camelbak –water filter



‘Water’ bottle



WINESKIN IN THE SMOKE

PSALMS 119:83

Wineskin in the smoke

- These bottles/bags were made from the skin of the goat's leg. The skin from the leg is stripped, fat from under skin removed, dried and tanned. Then stitched, reversed and sealed to be used as containers for water, milk or wine.
- These bottles/bags were very important to nomads in arid places. They are used for storing & carrying precious life sustaining fluid on their long journeys. They are used and reused as needed. But when the bags are empty they would sometime be hung up on the poles inside the tent.
- Because there was usually open fire inside the tent, the smoke and heat it would affect these empty, hung bags. Over time the bags would lose their elasticity, become dry, shriveled, brittle and cracked up. They also become black and dirty, covered with black soot from the smoke.
- "Wineskin in smoke" - Empty skins, dried up, shriveled and covered with soot.

Though I am like a wineskin in
the smoke I do not forget Your
decrees.

PSALMS 119:83 (NIV)

My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word.
My eyes fail, looking for your promise; I say, "When will you comfort me?"

Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke, I do not forget your decrees.

How long must your servant wait? When will you punish my persecutors?

The arrogant dig pits to trap me, contrary to your law.

All your commands are trustworthy; help me, for I am being persecuted without cause.

They almost wiped me from the earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts.

In your unfailing love preserve my life, that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.

Psalms 119:81-88

Meaning?

- The psalmist is lamenting - feeling like “a wineskin in the hot, suffocating, blinding smoke” – a extended period of suffering, feeling helpless, probably waiting impatiently.
- Over time like the wineskin turning black, feeling dried out, shriveled and useless.
- Giving a sense of exhaustion, tiredness, joy-less (dried-up)
- Smoke and heat represent the constant physical affliction, worry, sickness, sorrows. Troubles and problems seem unending!!!
- Not only physical sufferings, but the mind can becomes troubled, depressed
- The inner being can become down-casted and disturbed.

Psalmist cries.....

- My soul faints with longing for Your salvation Ps 119:81
- My eyes fail looking for Your promise; I say, "When will You comfort me?" Ps 119:82
- How long must Your servant wait? Ps 119:84
- My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death. Ps22:15
- Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Ps 42:5

“Wineskin in the smoke”

- A lot of us has been through similar condition like the psalmist. Perhaps there are some among us who are in the midst of the “smoke” right now.
- The conditions in your workplace, office, school, even at home or even at the place of your ministry feels like “in the smoke”
- After a period of time you can become exhausted, tired, uninterested, no more feeling of happiness or joy.
- WHY? WHY? WHY?

Questions directed God?

- Why is it happening?
- Why God seems so far away?
- Why is God so slow to act?
- Why is God not answering my prayers?
- Where are His promises of deliverance?

Is it OK to question God?
YES! The psalmist did!!

But in the midst of trouble and
questioning God, the psalmist said....

But in the midst of trouble
questioning God

**Yet I will not forget
your decrees/statutes**



His Word redirect our focus



These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me. John 14:24

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The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. John 6:63

WITNESSED
statements of Jesus
regarded as more
than 100 years

THE GREATEST WORDS EVER SPOKEN

EVERYTHING JESUS SAID ABOUT YOU,
YOUR LIFE, AND EVERYTHING ELSE

Why is God's Word important?

- The words I have spoken to you - they are full of the Spirit and life
John 6:63
- For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Heb 4:12
- Psalms 1 Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel....
- Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth..
- Prov 4:22 My son pay heed to my word.....
- Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect.....

His Word reminds us that when we are “In the smoke”

- He is not far away Psalms 139:1-2
- He has not forgotten you – engraved in the palms of His hand. Isa 49:15-16
- He will not forsake you Heb 13:5b
- His deliverance is sure Isa 46:3-4
- His promises are always “Yes” in Christ Jesus 2Cor 1:20
- God loves us so, so very much. Eph 3:16,17



God Loves You This Much

Jesus said, "I have come that
they may have life and have it
abundantly."

John 10:10

Wineskin in the smoke can be
reconditioned, rejuvenated



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Made fresh by washing and soaking in oil