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Little

Hidden Things

HAVE you ever seen an ant? Here in Zimbabwe we have many different kinds of ants. The ones which are the biggest nuisance are so tiny you hardly notice them.

In winter it is dry, so the ants are everywhere, searching for food and water. One winter day I poured some soup into a pan only to discover lots of black specks on top. Ants had been in the pan first and I had not noticed them! Yes, they can be a nuisance.

A little while later I felt something on my arm inside my sleeve. Thinking it was another ant I pressed my fingers onto it. Imagine my surprise and dismay when I received a sharp sting. It was a bee!

Sin can be like that. Sometimes we think that sin, like the ant, is no more than a small nuisance, when we get only a scolding for doing what is naughty. But sometimes, we feel that sin is worse. We may feel that it is like the sharp sting of the bee when we suffer punishment or come to harm for our wrongdoing. So we decide to be more careful in future. But is that enough?

Being more careful may prevent bee stings, but sin cannot be dealt with as easily as that! We have done many sins already, and our sins will sting at last in an awful way because our sin will bring us to eternal death. Only Jesus can save us from this deadly sting. He died on the cross of Calvary to save His people from eternal death. It is only those who believe in Him who shall be protected from that deadly sting, for the Bible says that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life.

I hope that you will seek this safety of everlasting life that only Jesus can give. He says, "Those that seek me early shall find me", and, "Whoso findeth Me findeth life".

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