

The Good News Bears

Marenee,

I can't tell you what these past 25 years
have meant to me. I love,

Scott

To my lovely wife,

I feel so blessed to have you in my life. You
are the best wife a man could ask for. I love
you Ellen.

2 Kings 2: 23 From there Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, some boys came out of the town and jeered at him. “Get out of here, baldy!” they said. “Get out of here, baldy!” 24 He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the Lord.

2 Kings 2: Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys.
25 And he went on to Mount Carmel and from there returned to Samaria.

All scripture
points to Christ.

“Youth”

Young Men

Bethel

Center for idolatry

He went on to Mt. Carmel (vv. 25)

Elijah's showdown with Baal
prophets

Go up you bald head!

Go up you bald head!

You have no top!

Go up you bald head!

Elijah=Master=Head

Young Men

From Bethel

Just outside Mt. Carmel

You have no top!

Elisha has a double portion of
Elijah's spirit

Go up you bald head!

Your master (head) is dead. Why
don't you join him?

Don't Mock
God.

We mock God when

we don't take Jesus seriously.

John 8: 19 “You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. “If you knew me, **you would know my Father also.**”

26 “I have much to say in judgment of you.

If you don't take Jesus
seriously in life,
Jesus will not take you
seriously in death.

We mock God when

we embrace outward religion over
inward faith.

Matthew 7: 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **only the one who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven.

We mock God when

our faith lacks conviction.

Galatians 6: 7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Conviction is the difference
between belief and faith.

If you don't fear God,
your faith will lack conviction.

Someone greater than Elijah
is here.

Matthew 17: 12 I tell you, Elijah has already
come...¹³ Then the disciples understood that
he was talking to them about **John the
Baptist.**

Someone greater than Elisha
is here.

How does Jesus
treat his enemies?

Romans 5: 10 While we were God's **enemies**,
we were reconciled to him through the death
of his Son...

The Good News Bears